



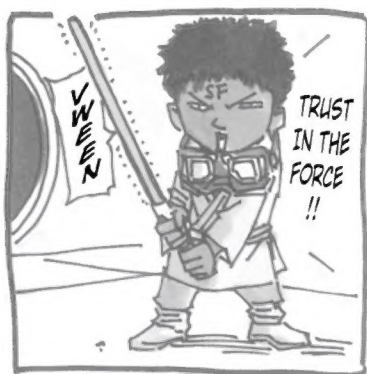
NARUTO

SHONENJUMP MANGA

Story & Art by

Masashi Kishimoto **volume**

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Science Fiction movies are on the rise again...Right now they rank at the top of the box office in revenue, so I was thinking to myself, "Wow, everyone must really like Sci Fi..." and then I realized I'm one of those people too!

—Masashi Kishimoto, 2002

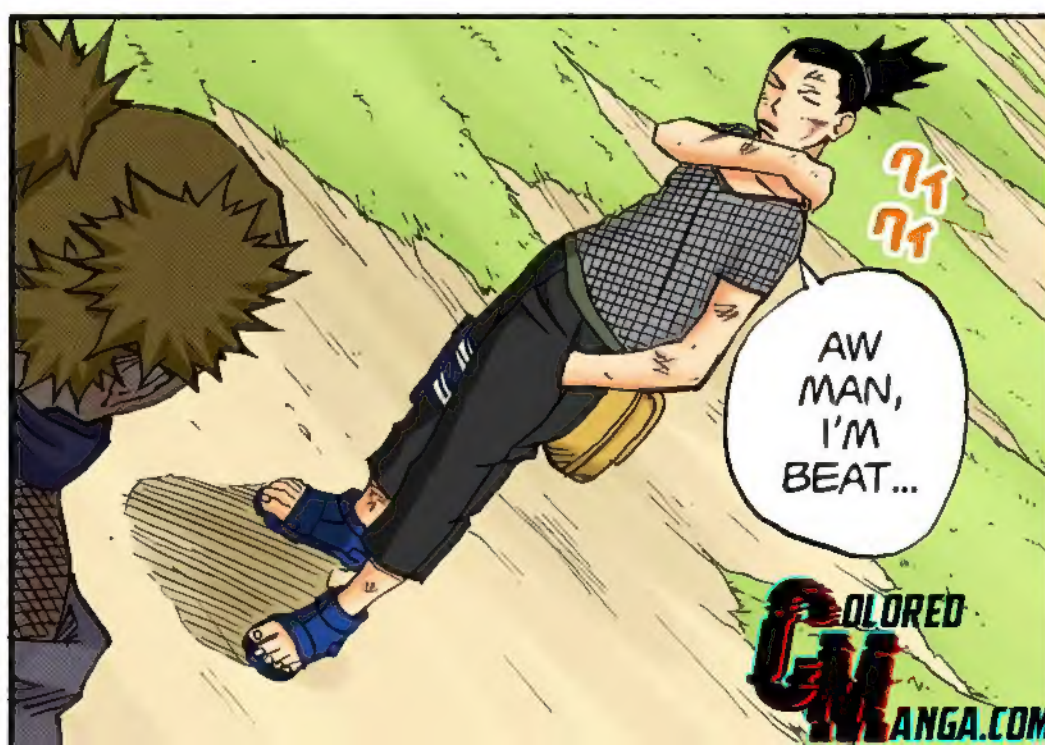
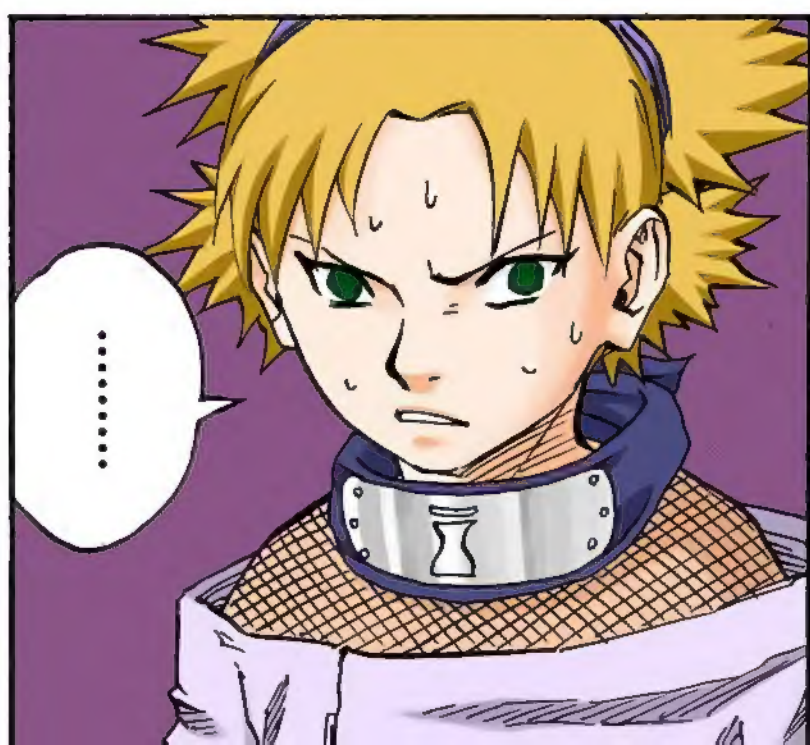
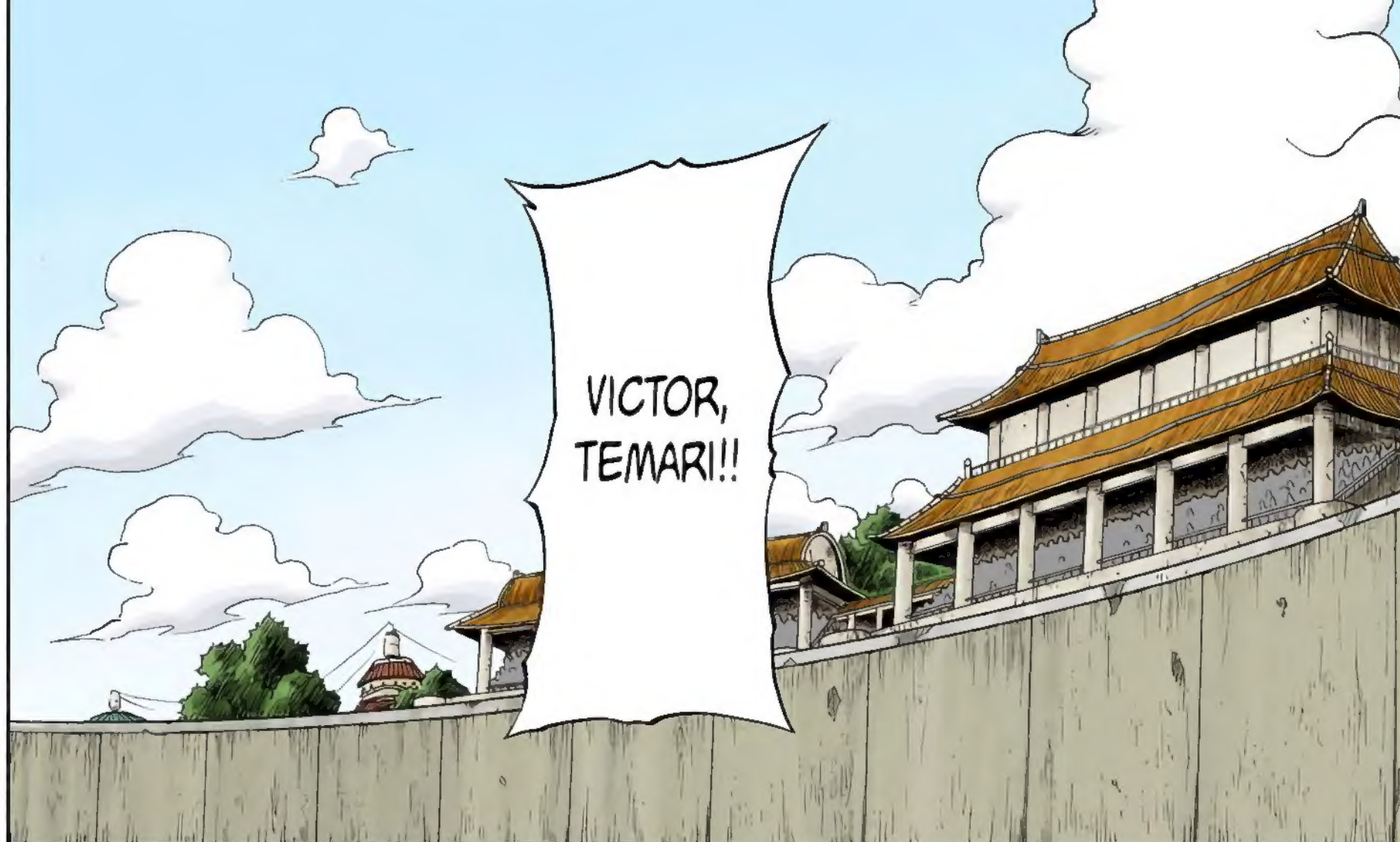
Author/artist Masashi Kishimoto was born in 1974 in rural Okayama Prefecture, Japan. After spending time in art college, he won the Hop Step Award for new manga artists with his manga **Karakuri** (Mechanism). Kishimoto decided to base his next story on traditional Japanese culture. His first version of **Naruto**, drawn in 1997, was a one-shot story about fox spirits; his final version, which debuted in **Weekly Shonen Jump** in 1999, quickly became the most popular ninja manga in Japan.

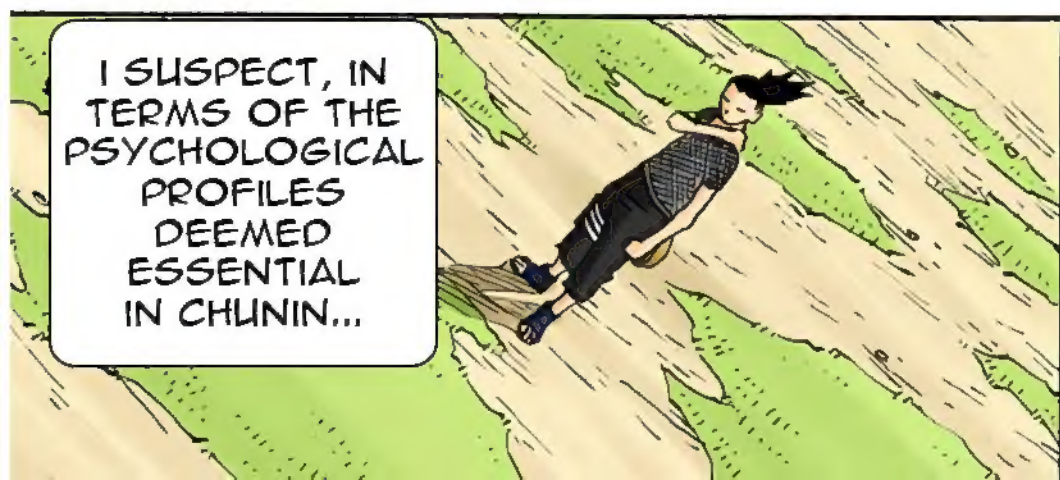
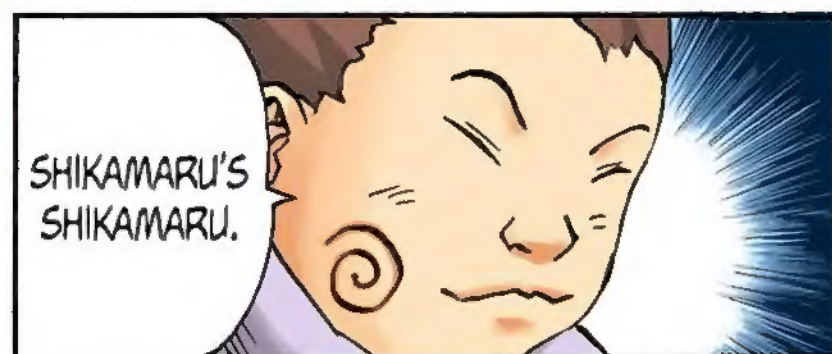


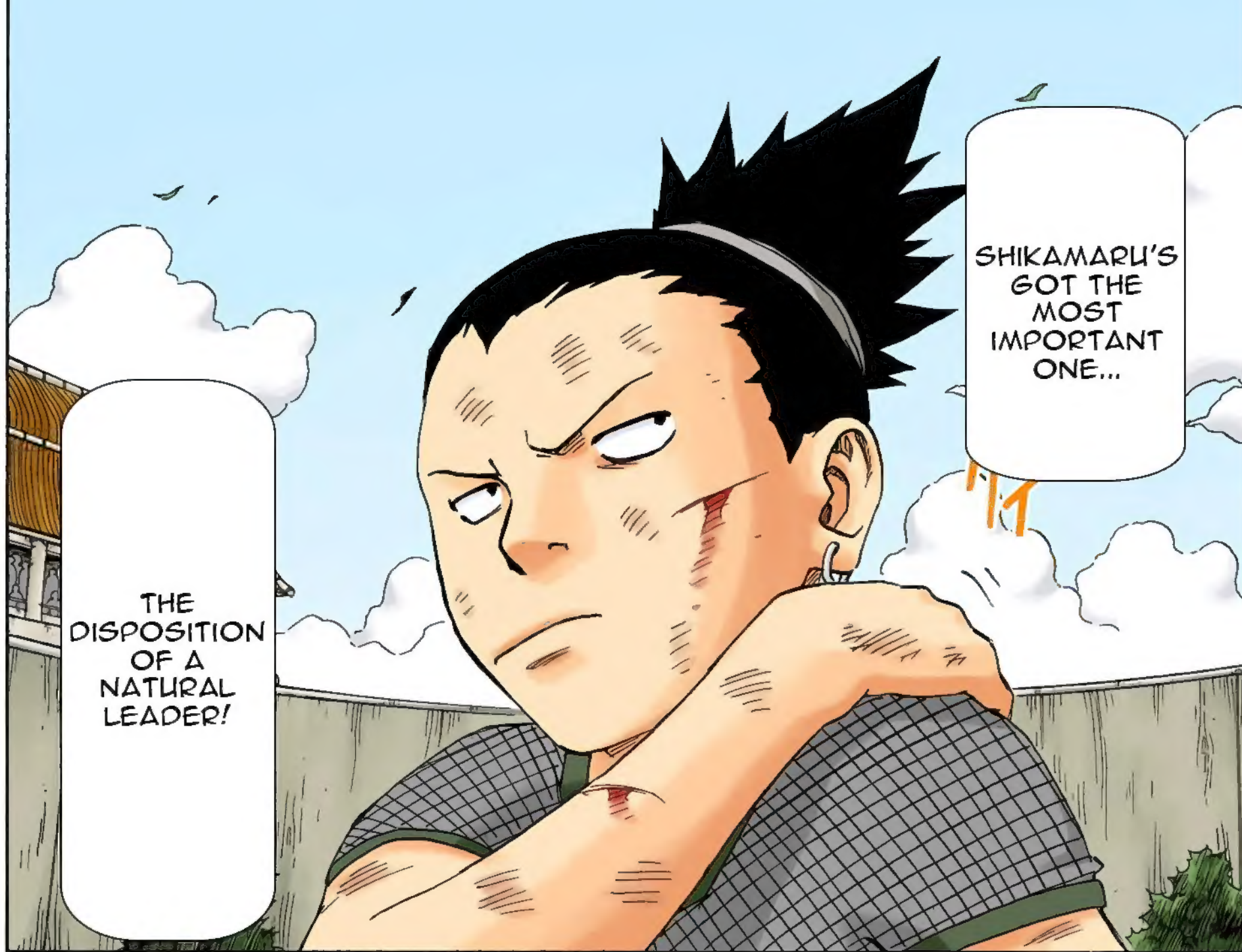
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THE
DISPOSITION
OF A
NATURAL
LEADER!

SHIKAMARU'S
GOT THE
MOST
IMPORTANT
ONE...



...THE ABILITY
TO PROTECT AND
SAFELY GET ONE'S
SOLDIERS OUT OF
DANGER IS EVEN
MORE IMPORTANT
THAN CARRYING OUT
ONE'S MISSION...

IF WE
ASSESS
HIM AS A
PLATOON
LEADER...



HMM...



...YOU
DON'T
HAVE
WHAT IT
TAKES TO
BE A
CHÛNIN...

UNLESS YOU
CAN BALANCE
RISKS AND SAC-
RIFICES AGAINST
THE MISSION
AND PROCEED
WITH SURVIVAL
AS YOUR
FOREMOST
CONCERN...

IN THE
CASE OF
INTELLIGENCE
GATHERING,
COMPLETING THE
MISSION BUT
GETTING WIPED
OUT IS NOT A
VIABLE
OPTION...

THAT
REALLY
MAKES ME
MAD! I'M
GONNA GO
GIVE HIM A
LECTURE HE
WON'T EVER
FORGET!

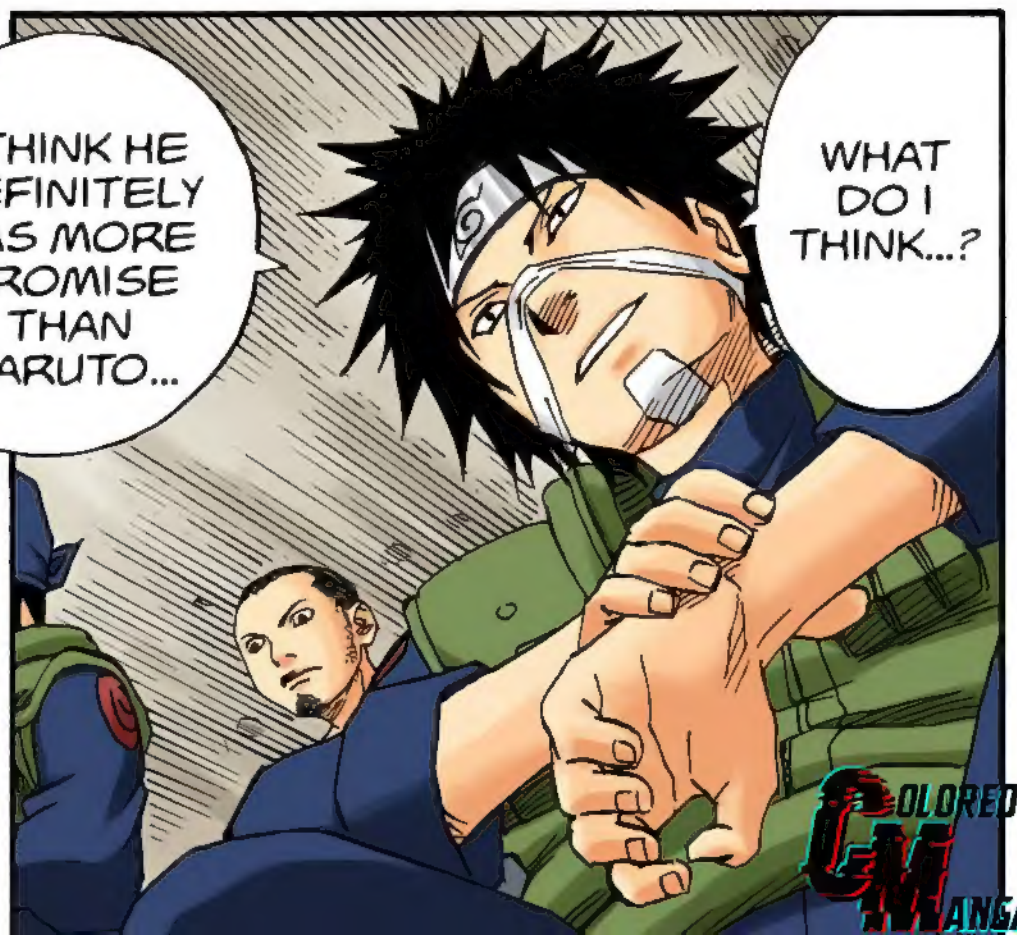
WHY'D HE
GIVE UP?!
IS HE
STUPID OR
SOME-
THING?!

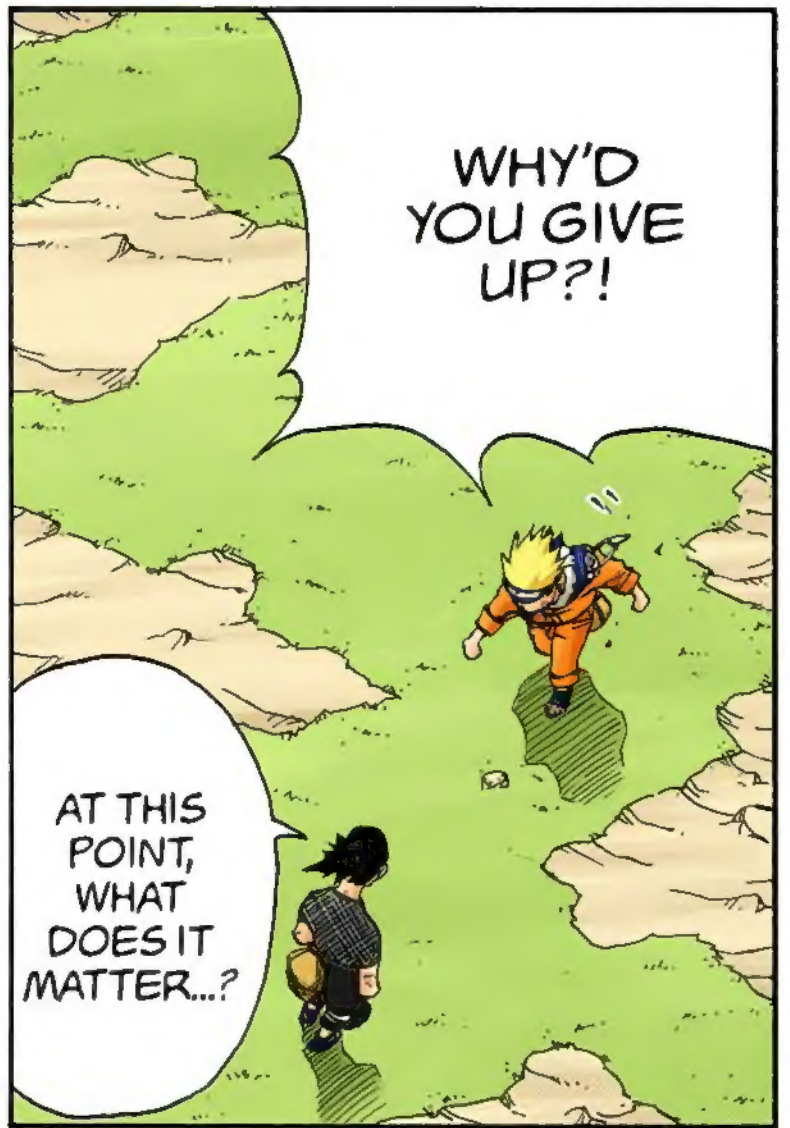
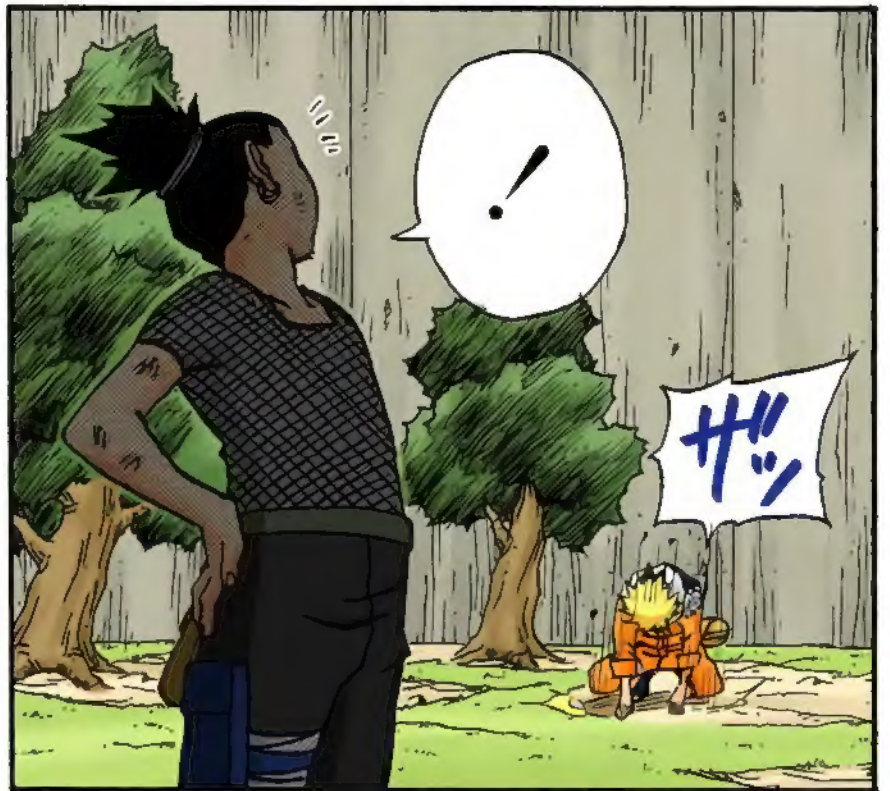
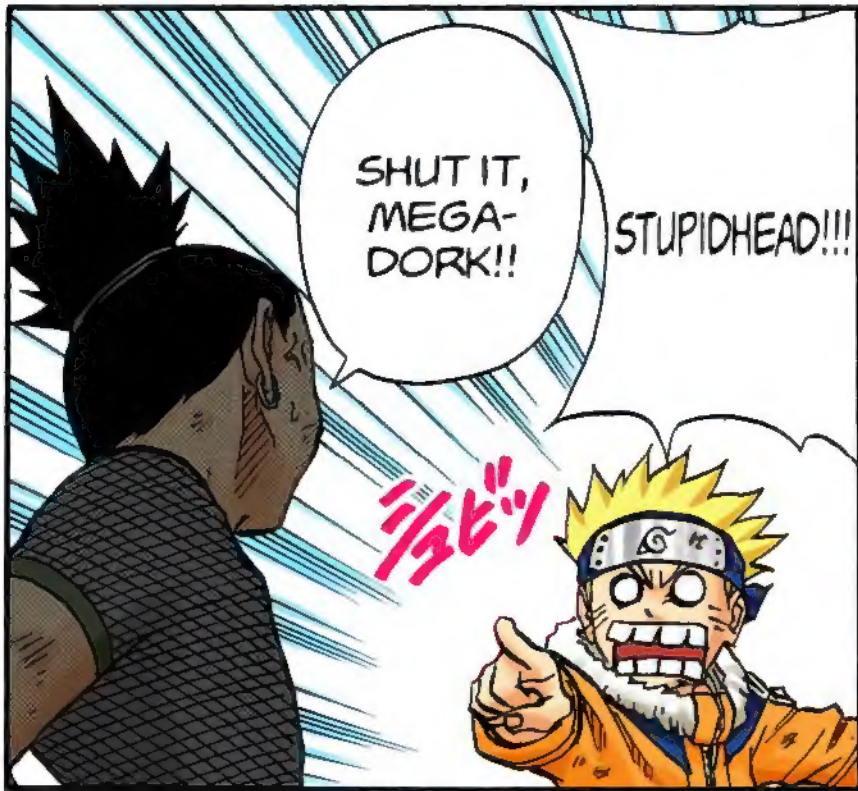
...ALTHOUGH
THEY MAKE
PERFECTLY
GOOD
GENIN!

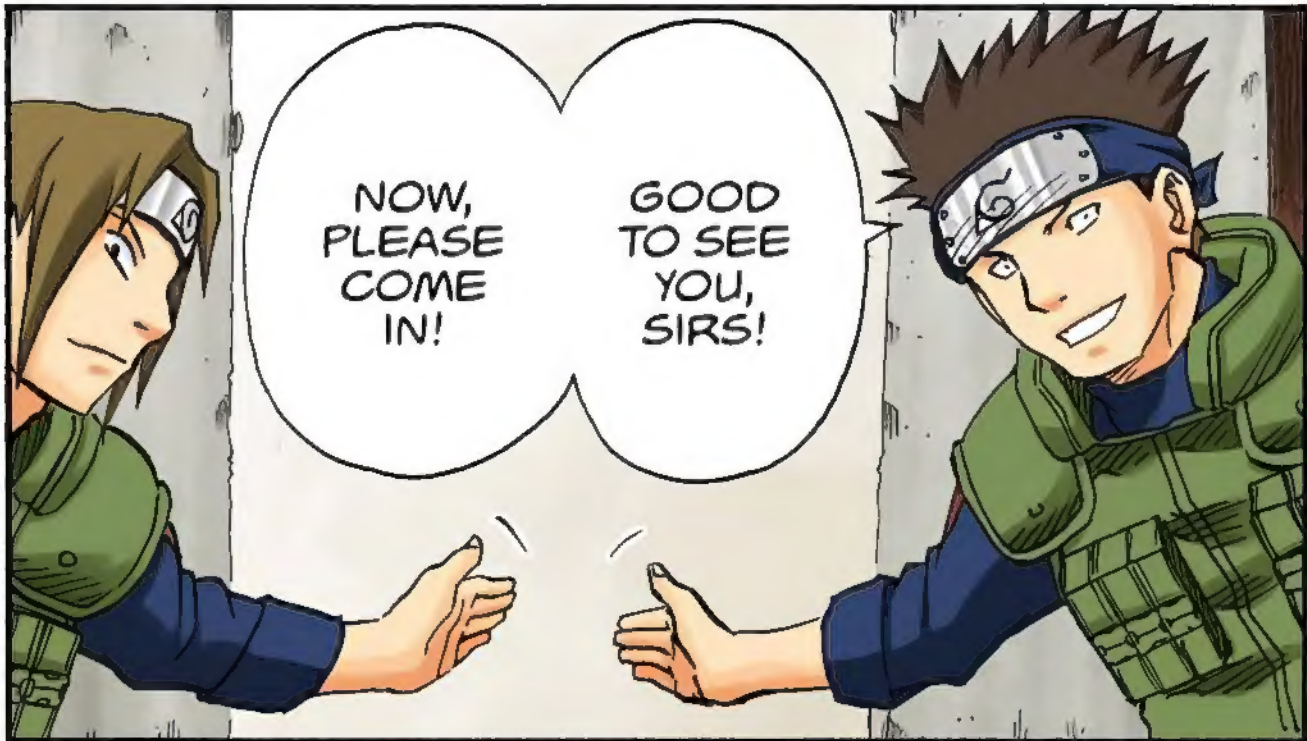
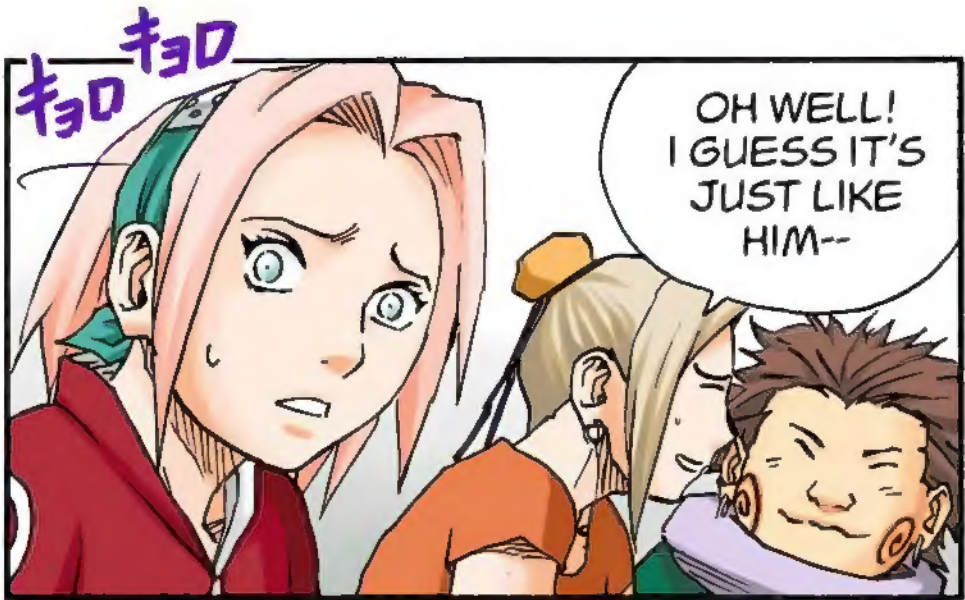
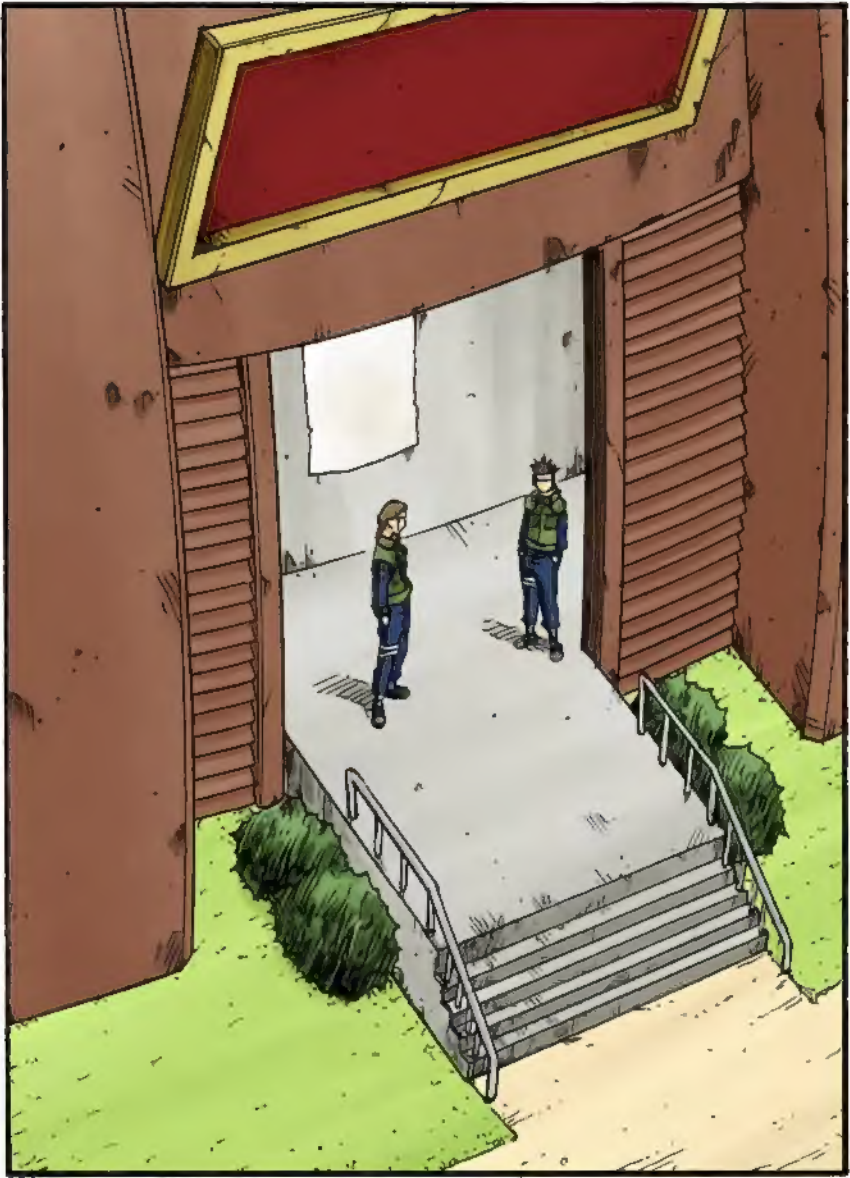
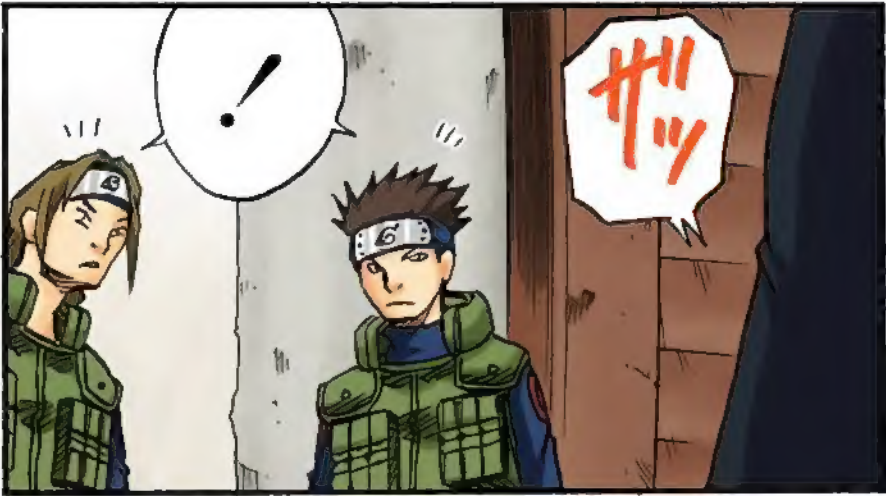
ALONG
THOSE LINES,
NEITHER
HYUGA NOR
NARUTO ARE
QUALIFIED...



I THINK HE
DEFINITELY
HAS MORE
PROMISE
THAN
NARUTO...







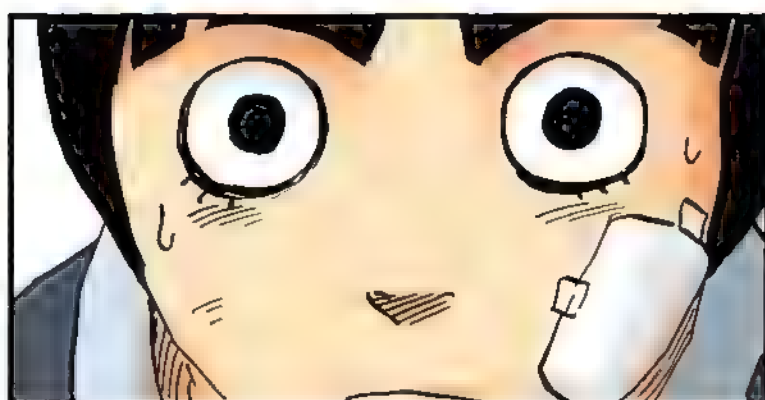
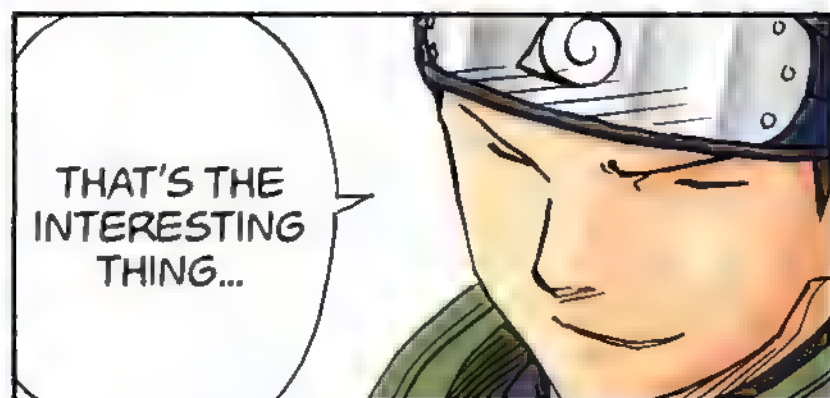
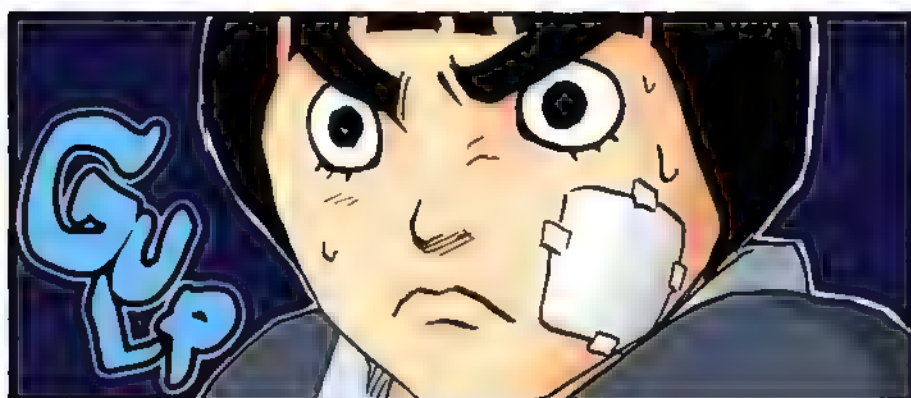


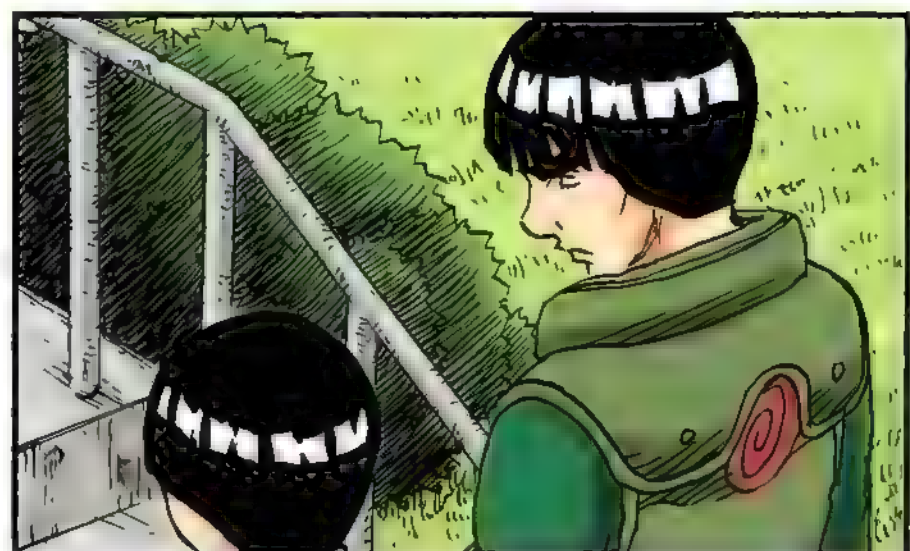
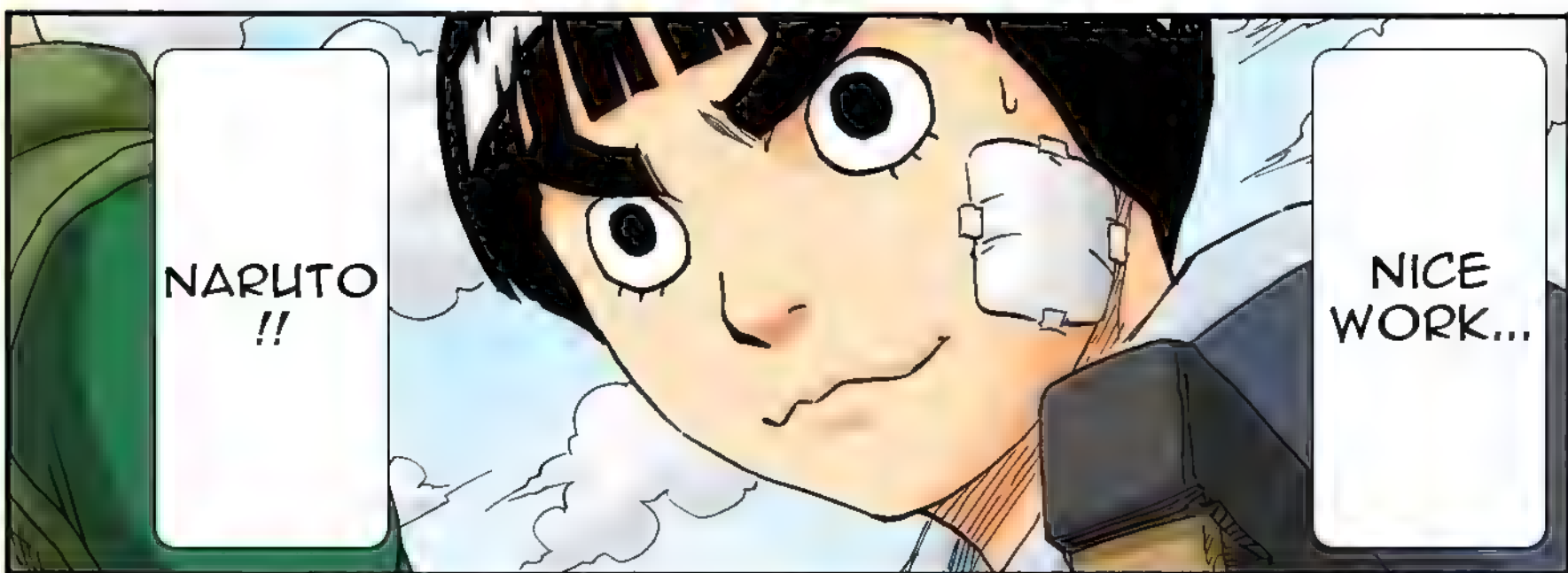
ALL
RIGHT!
LET'S GO,
LEE!

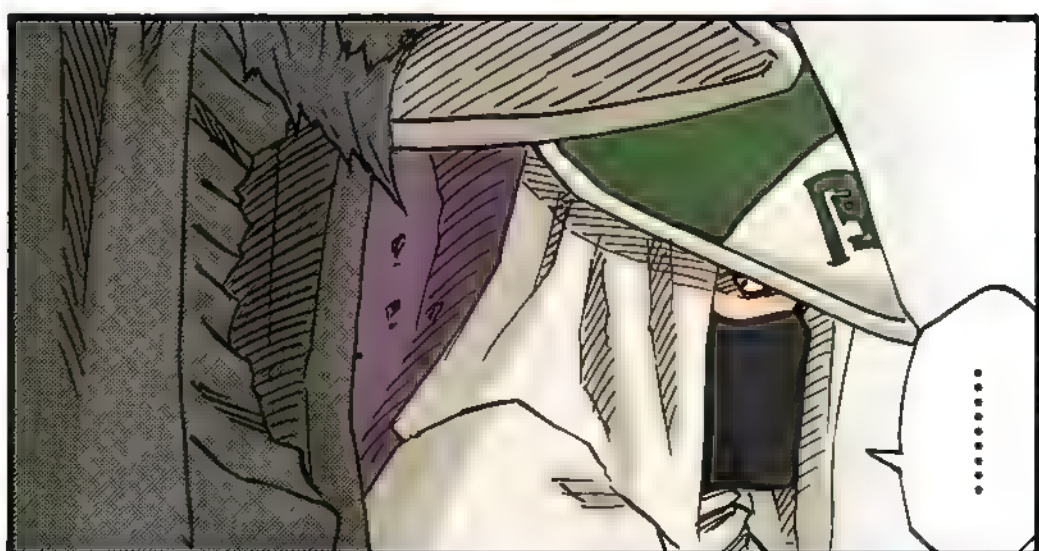
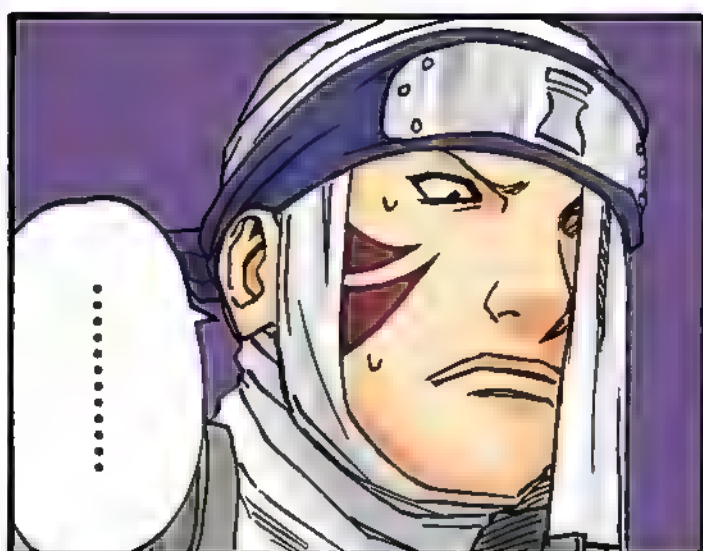
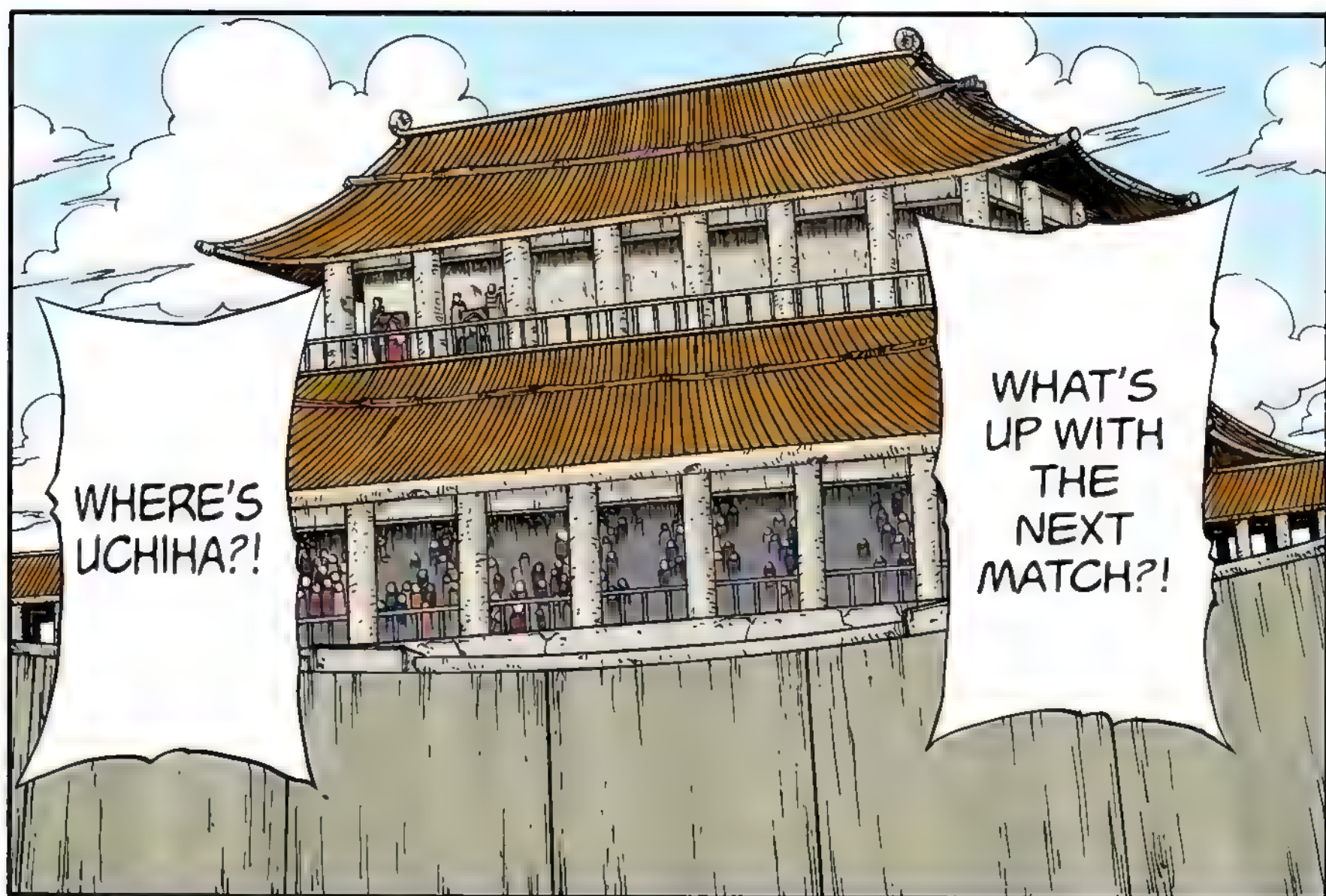
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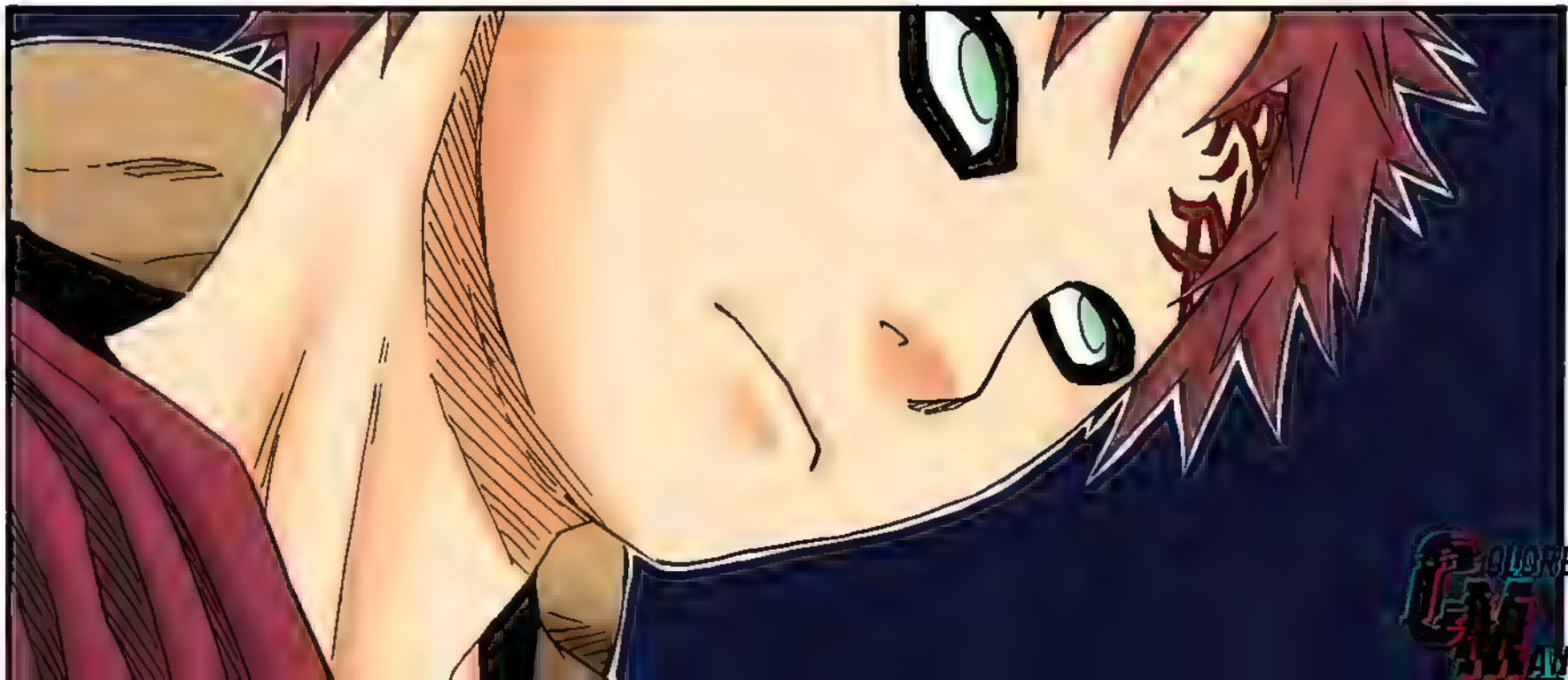
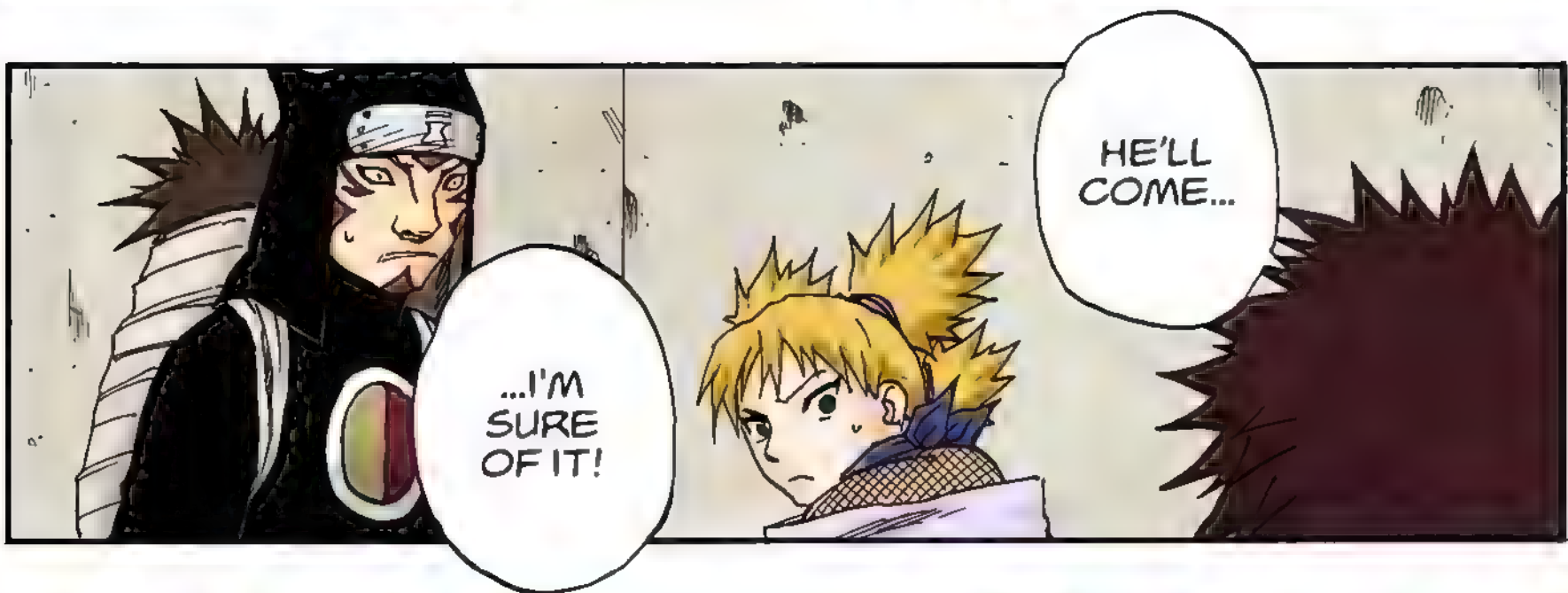
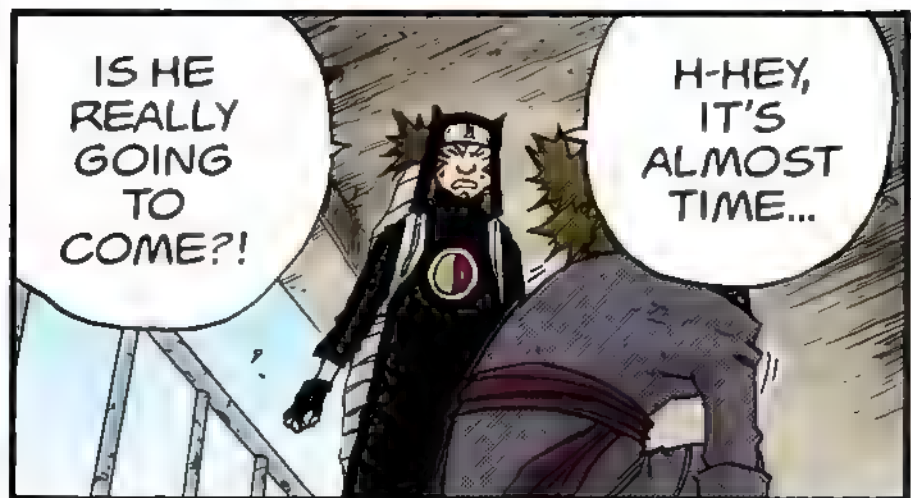
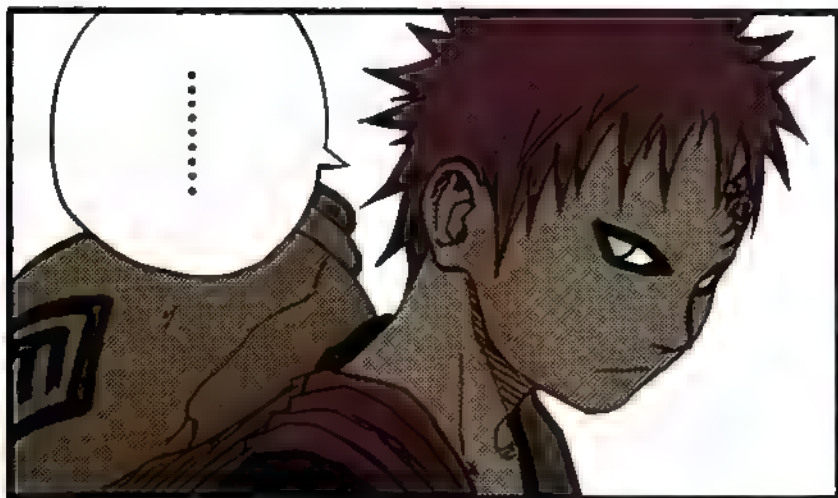
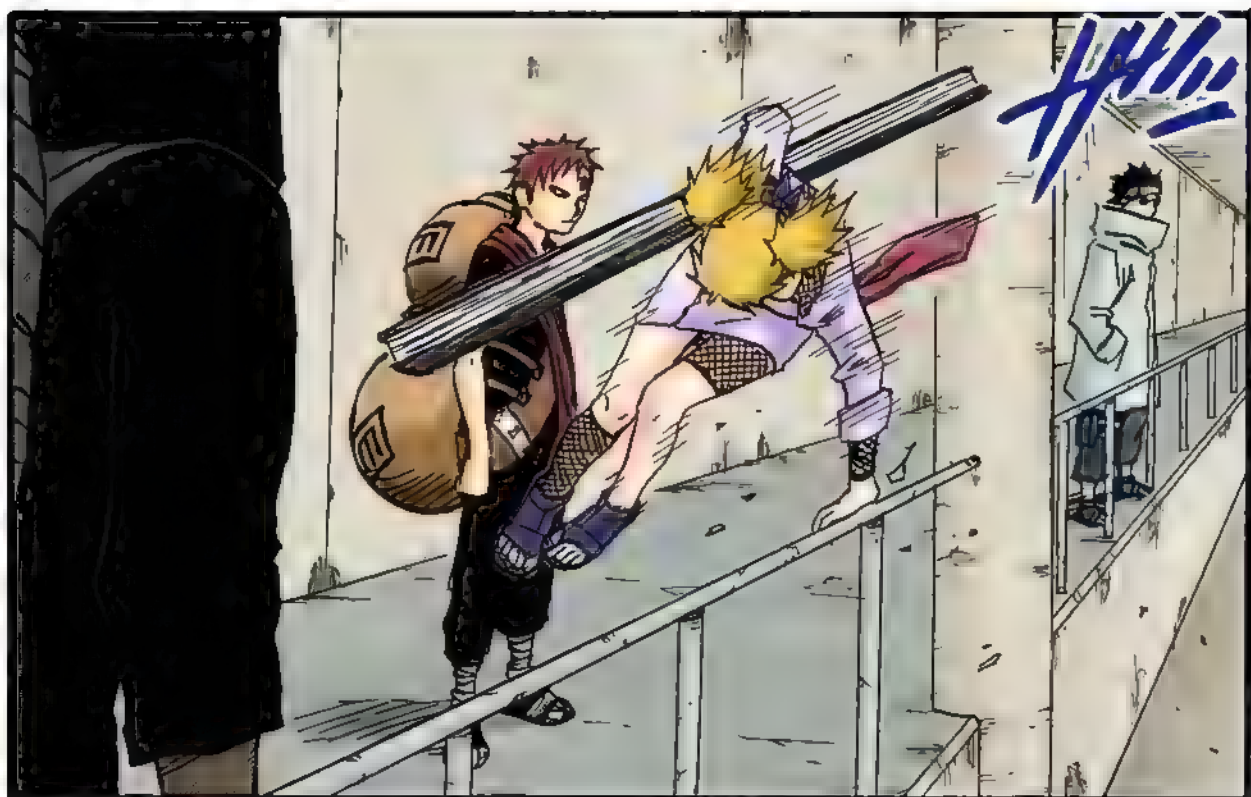
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YES
SIR.

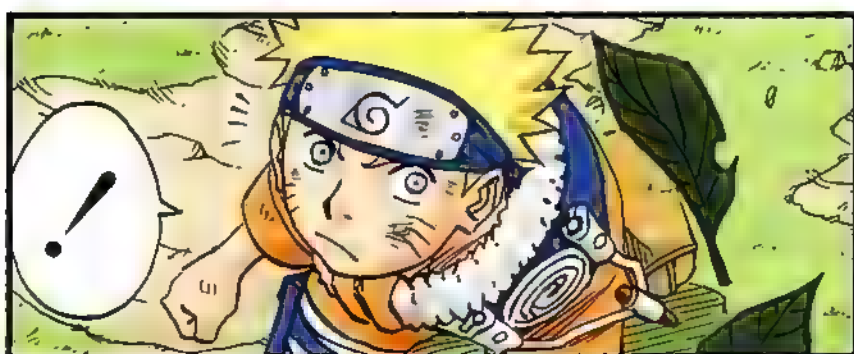
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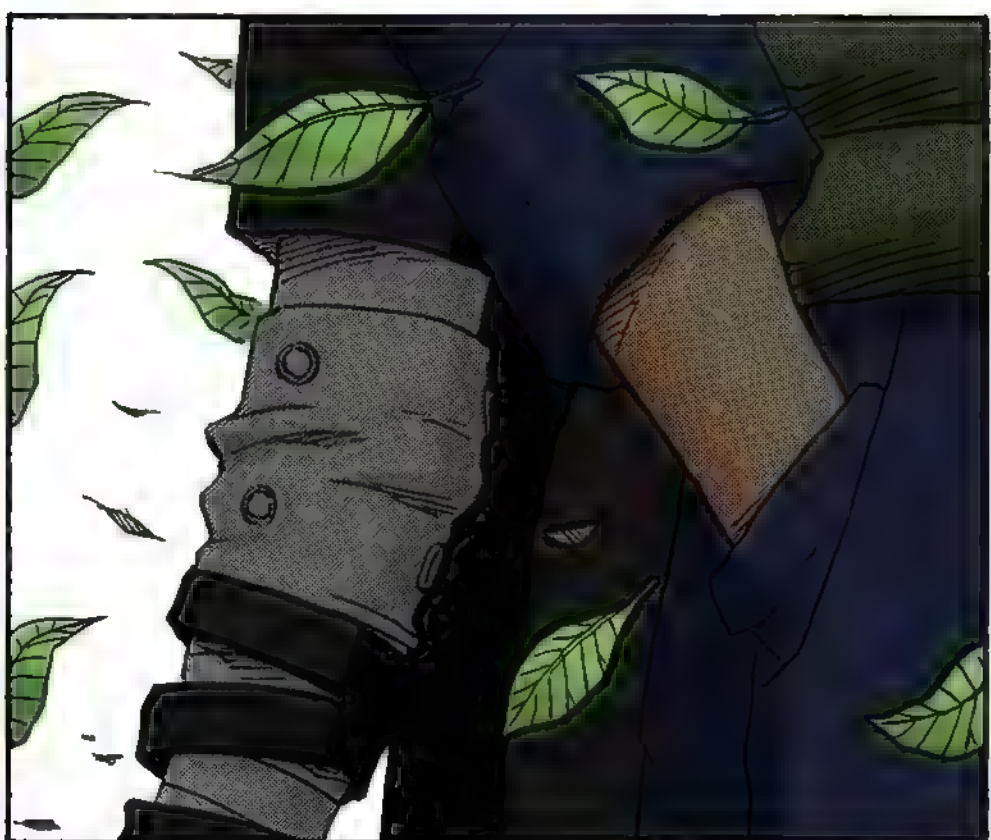
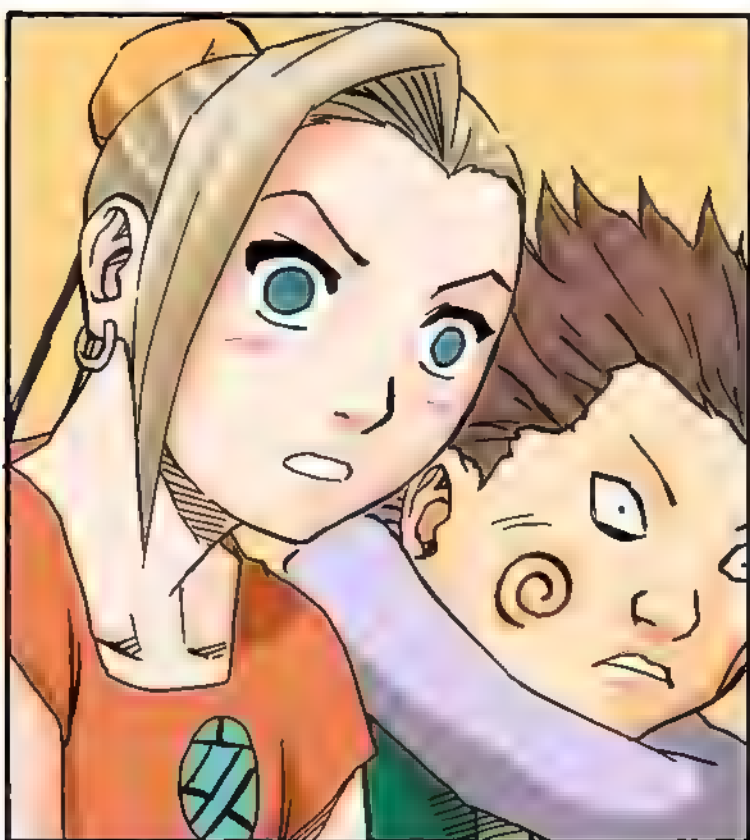
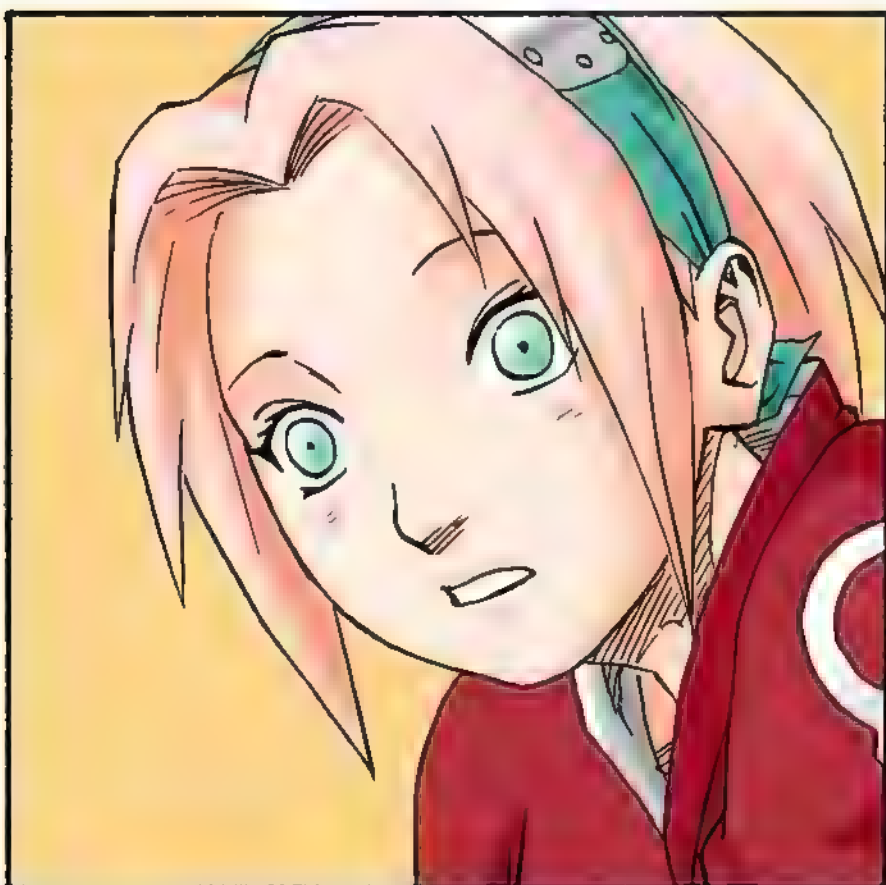


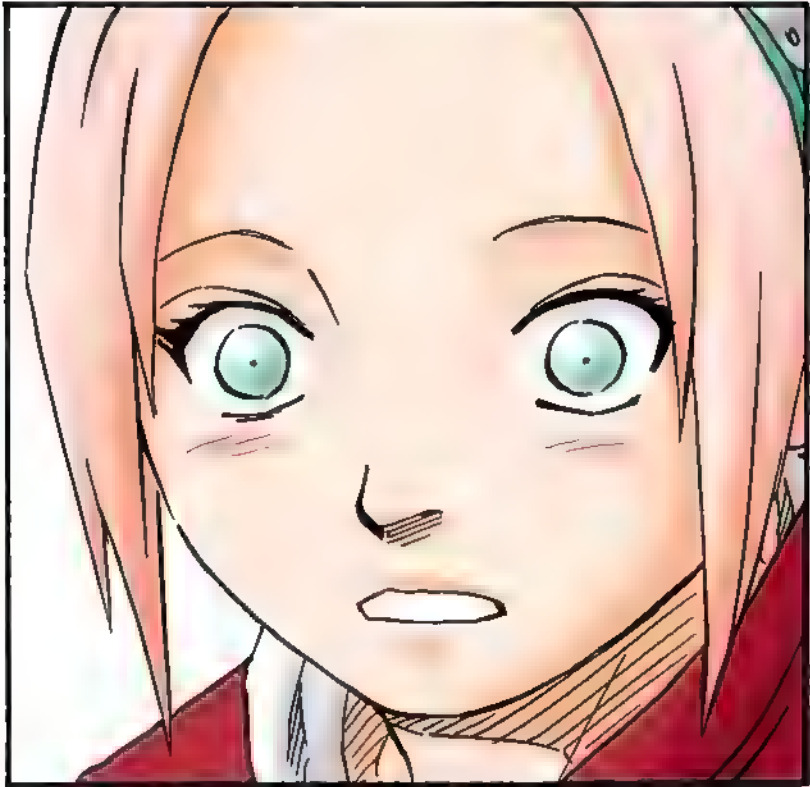




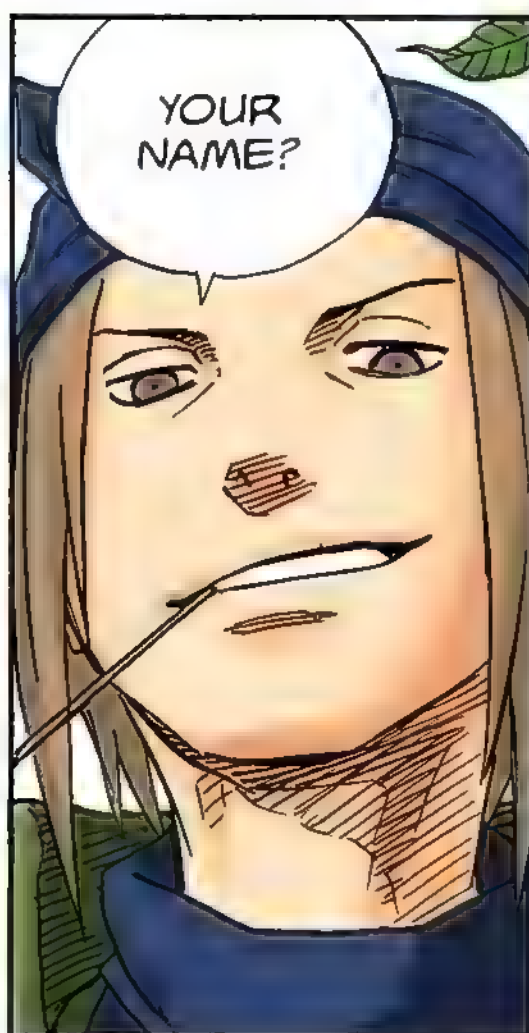
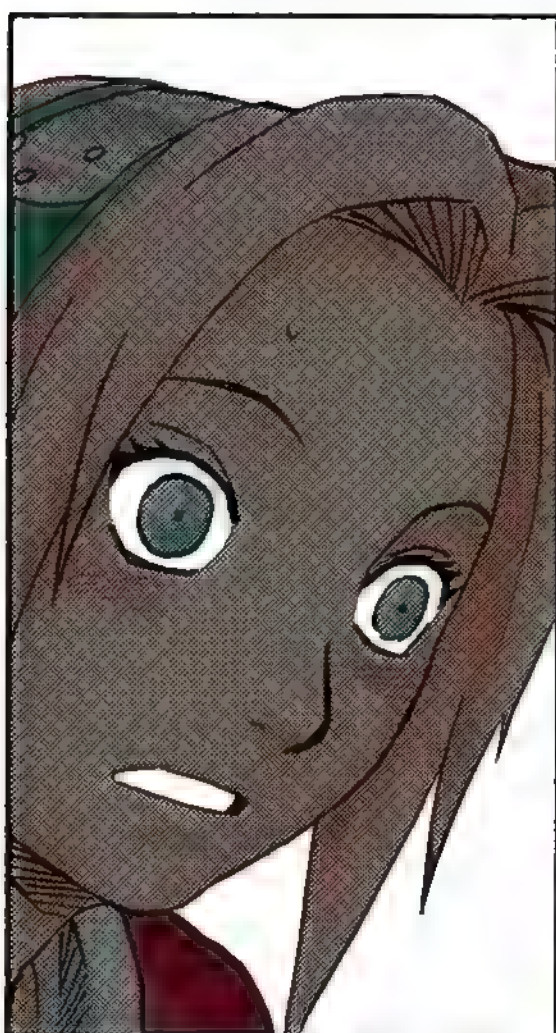


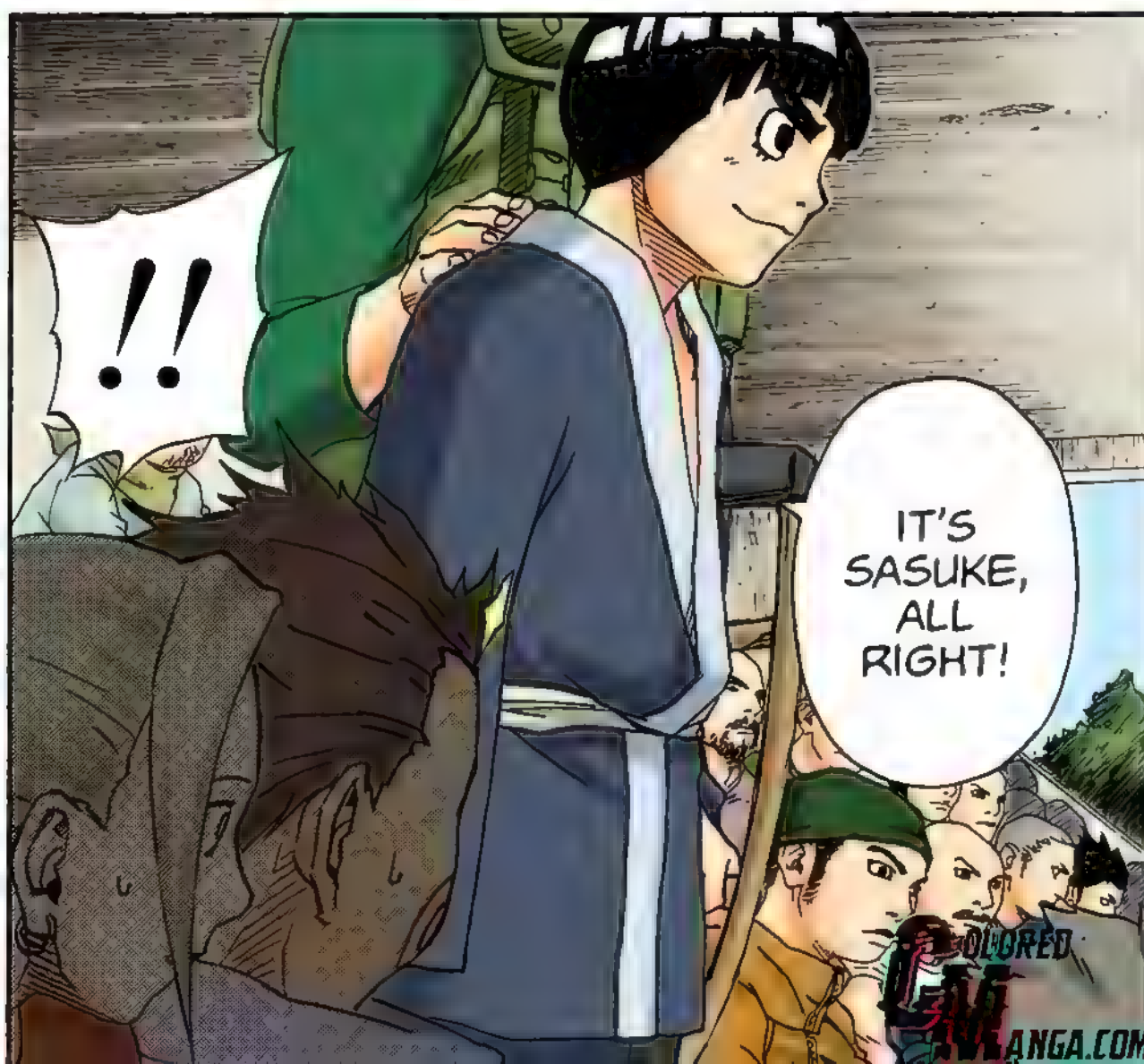
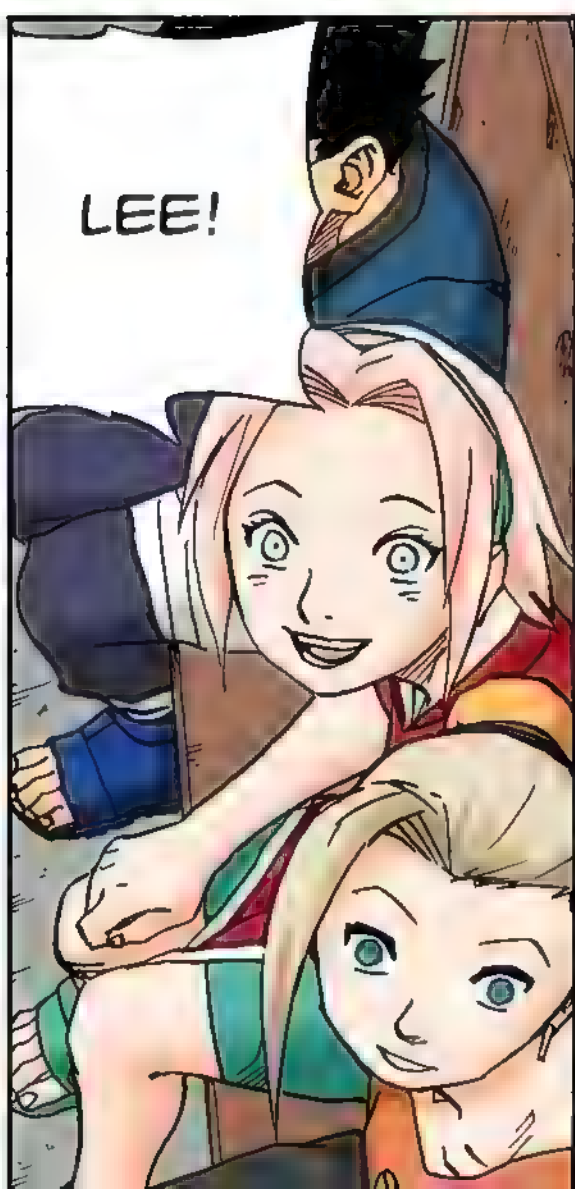
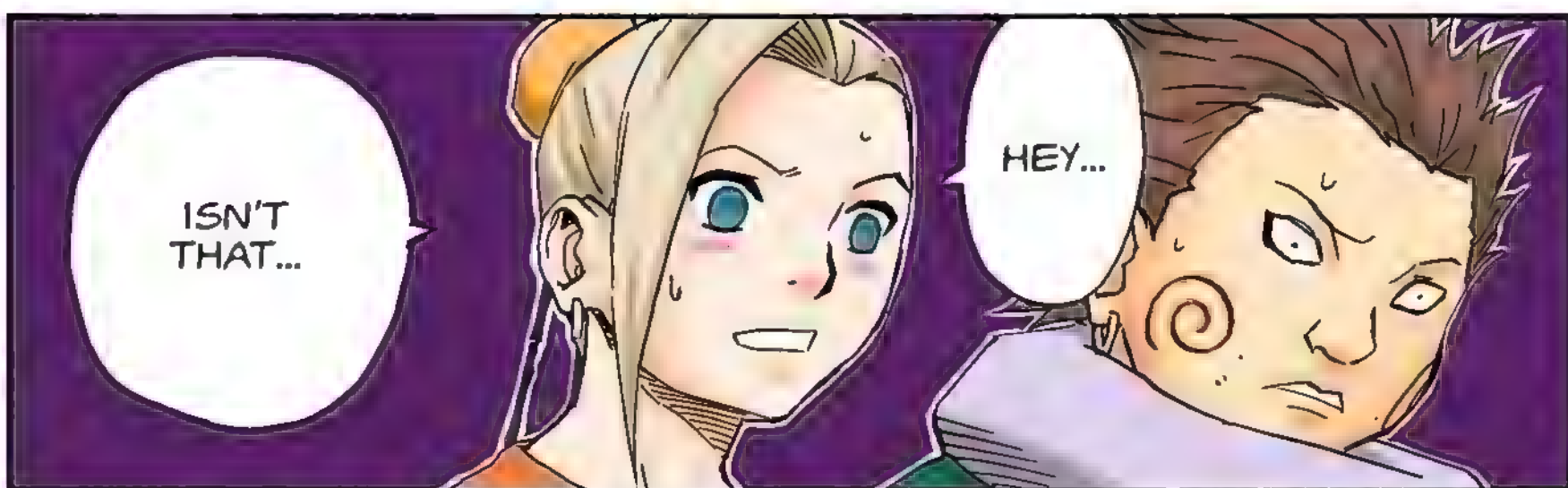
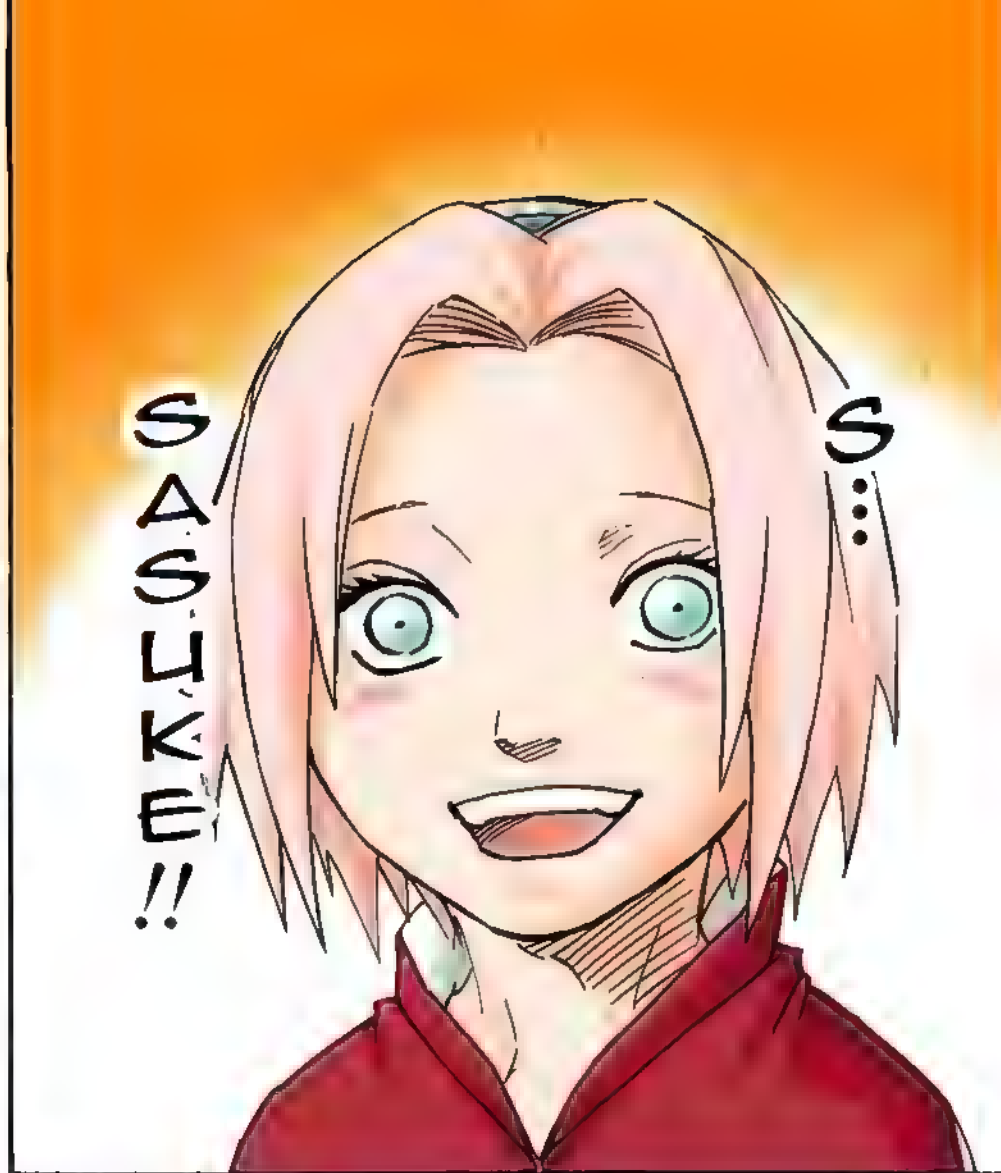
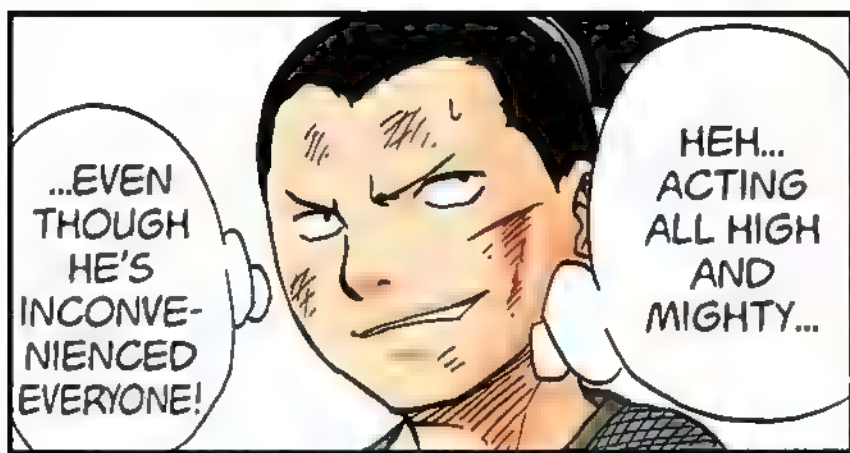


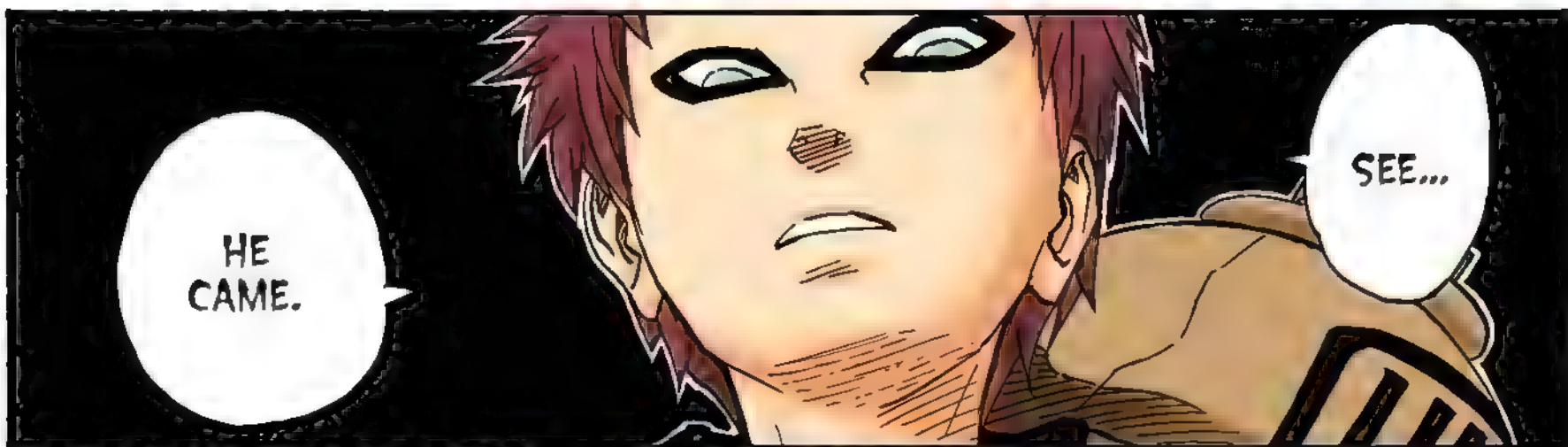
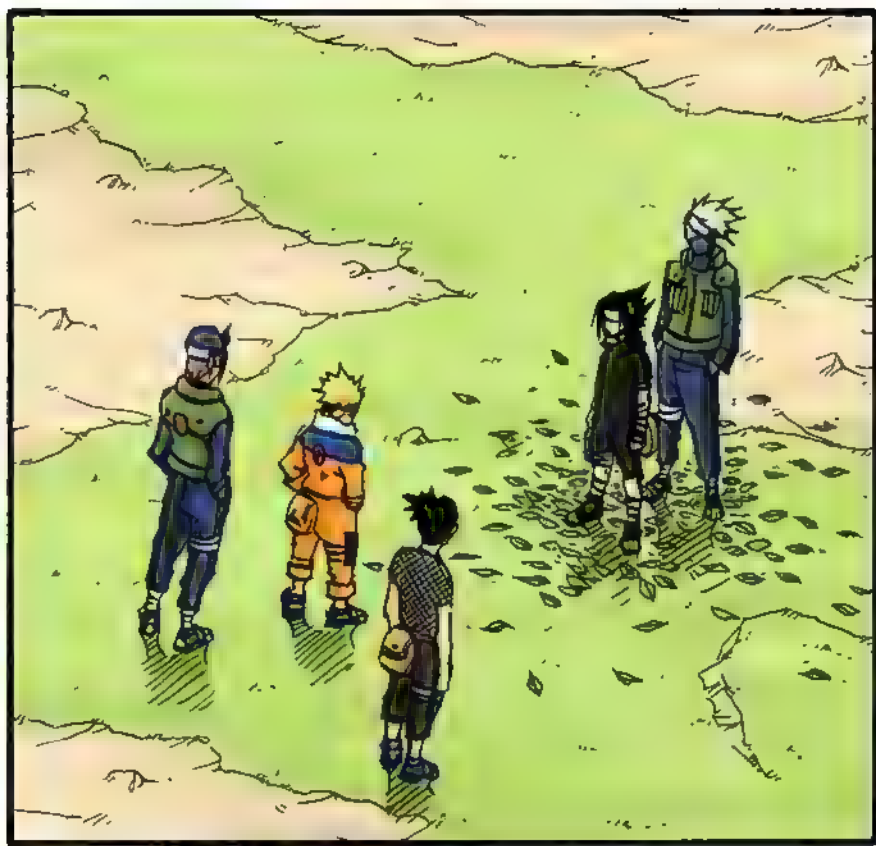
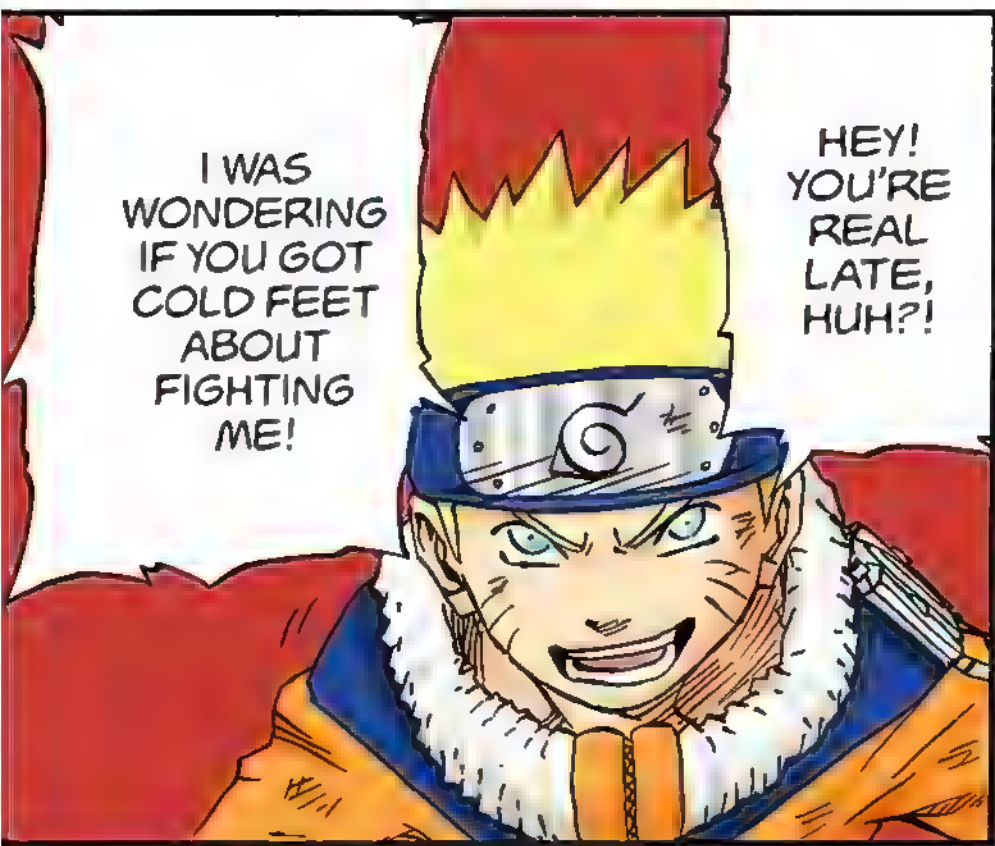








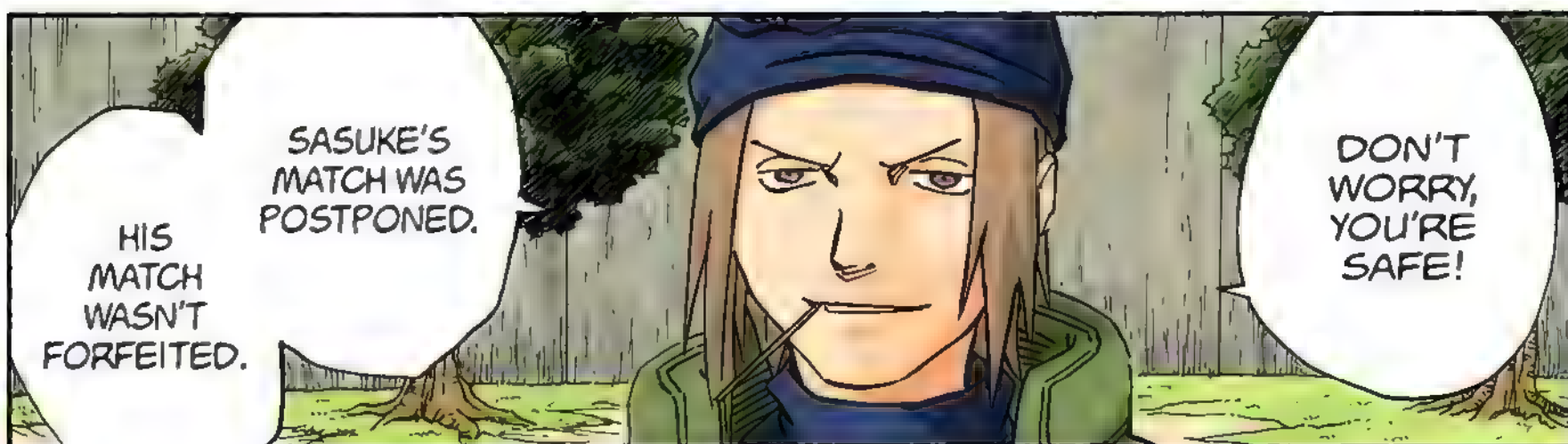
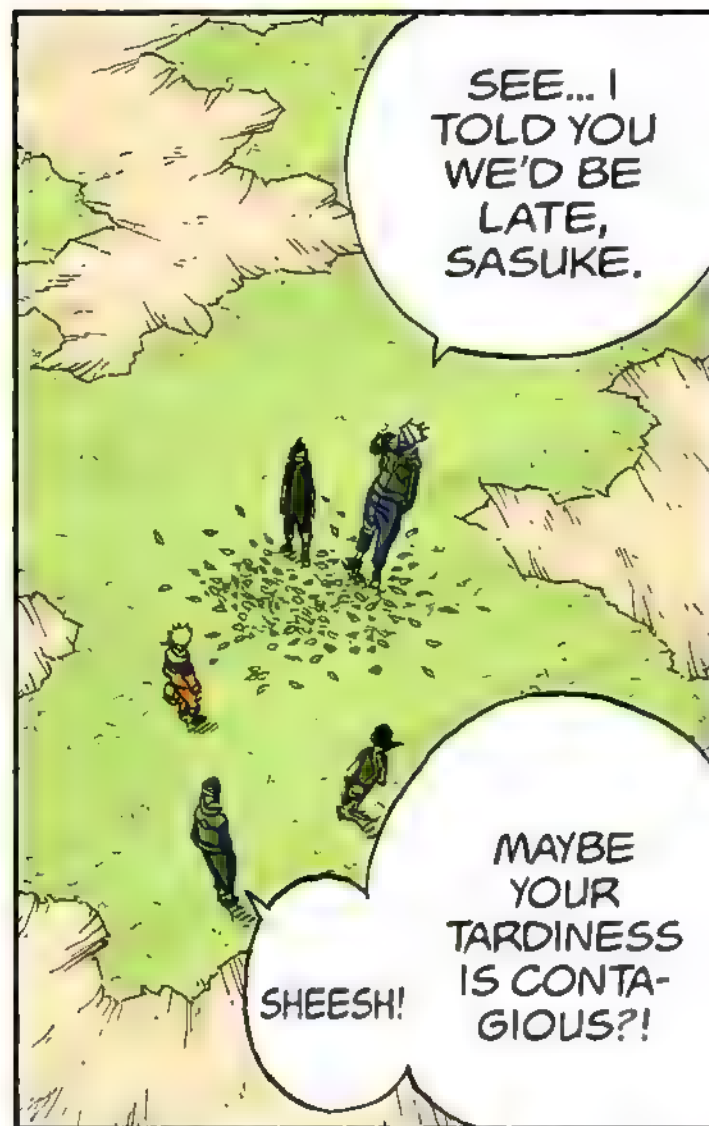
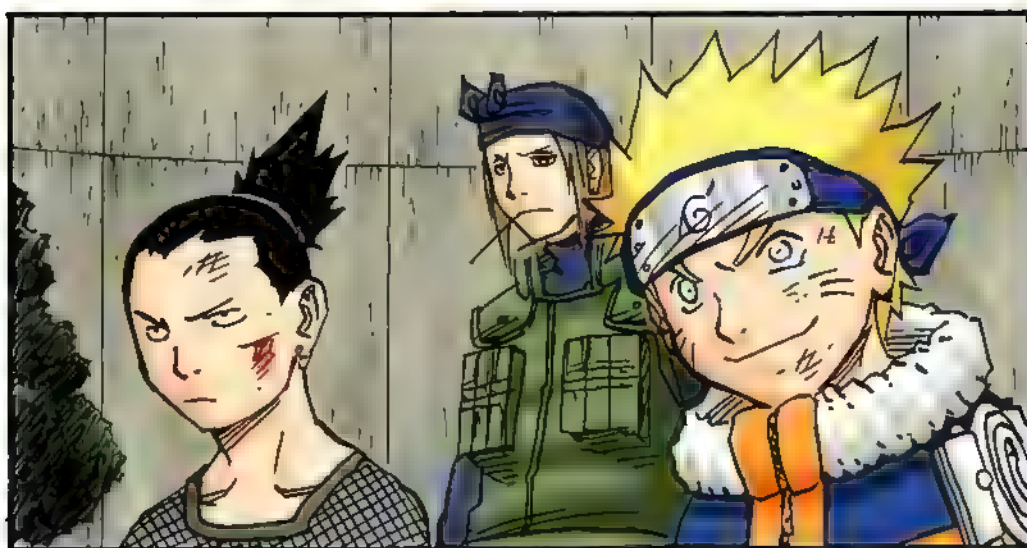


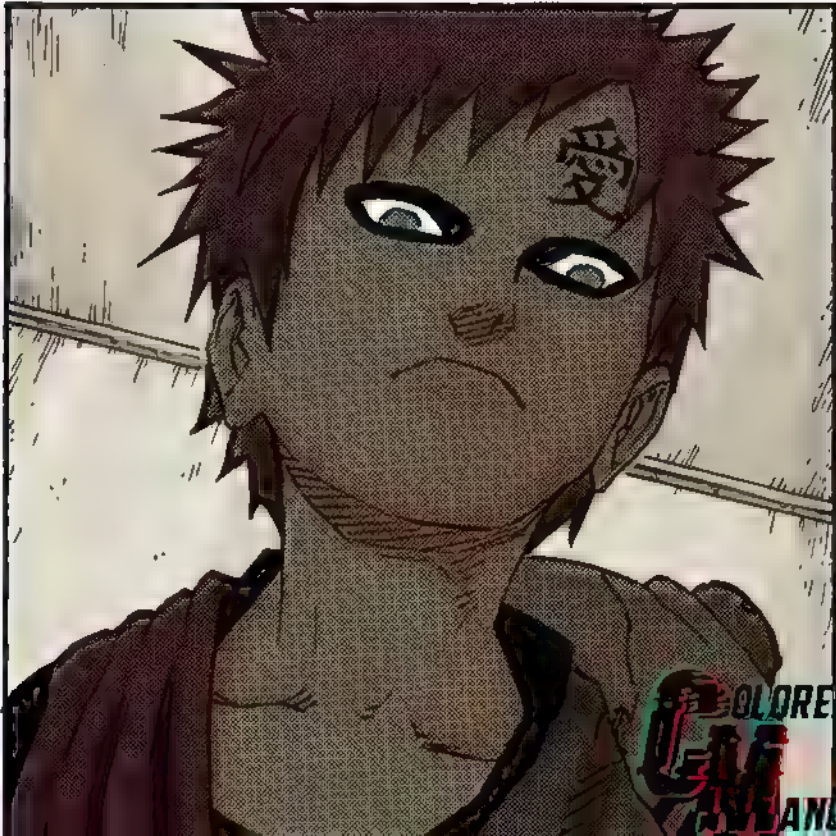
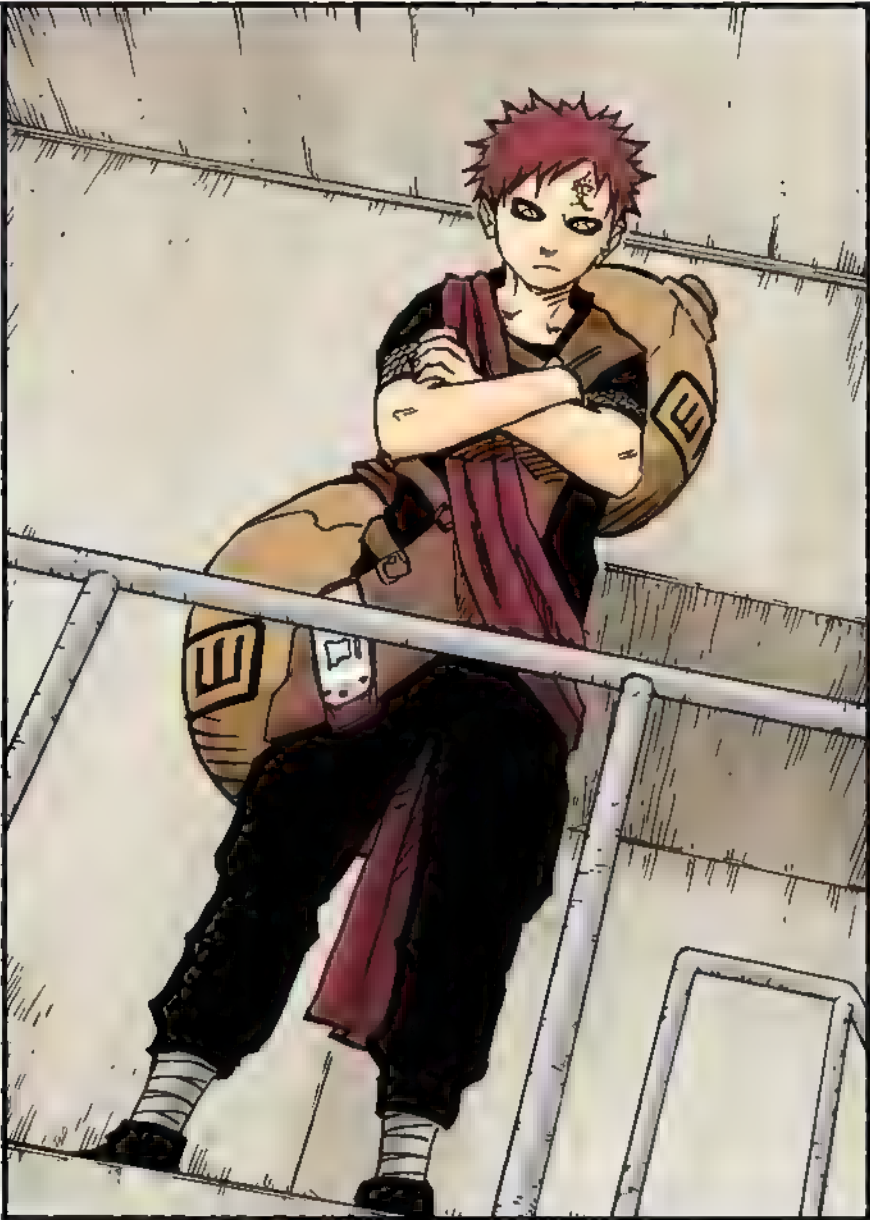
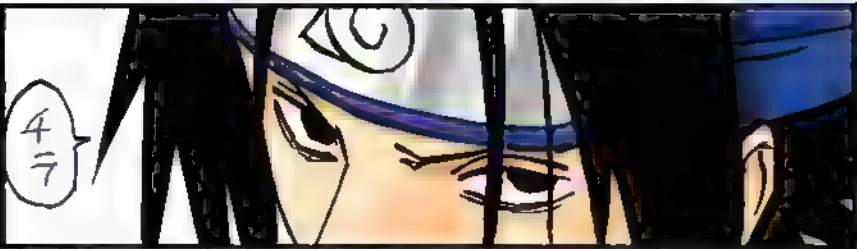
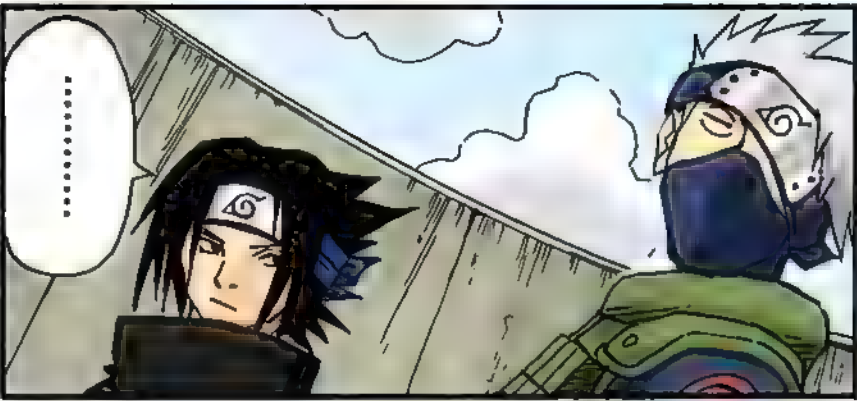
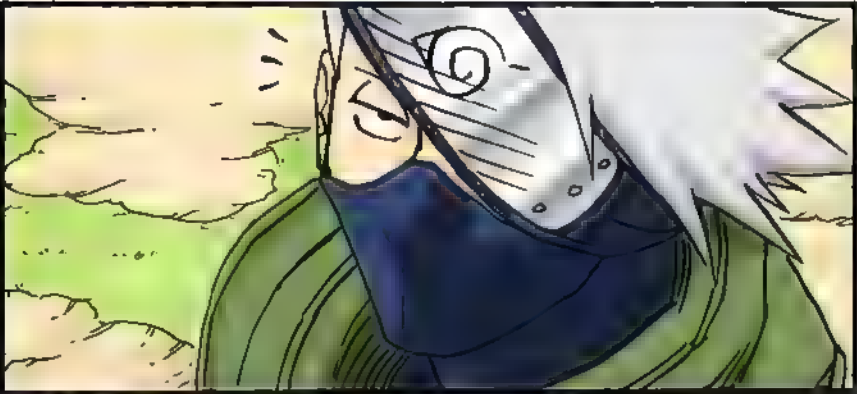


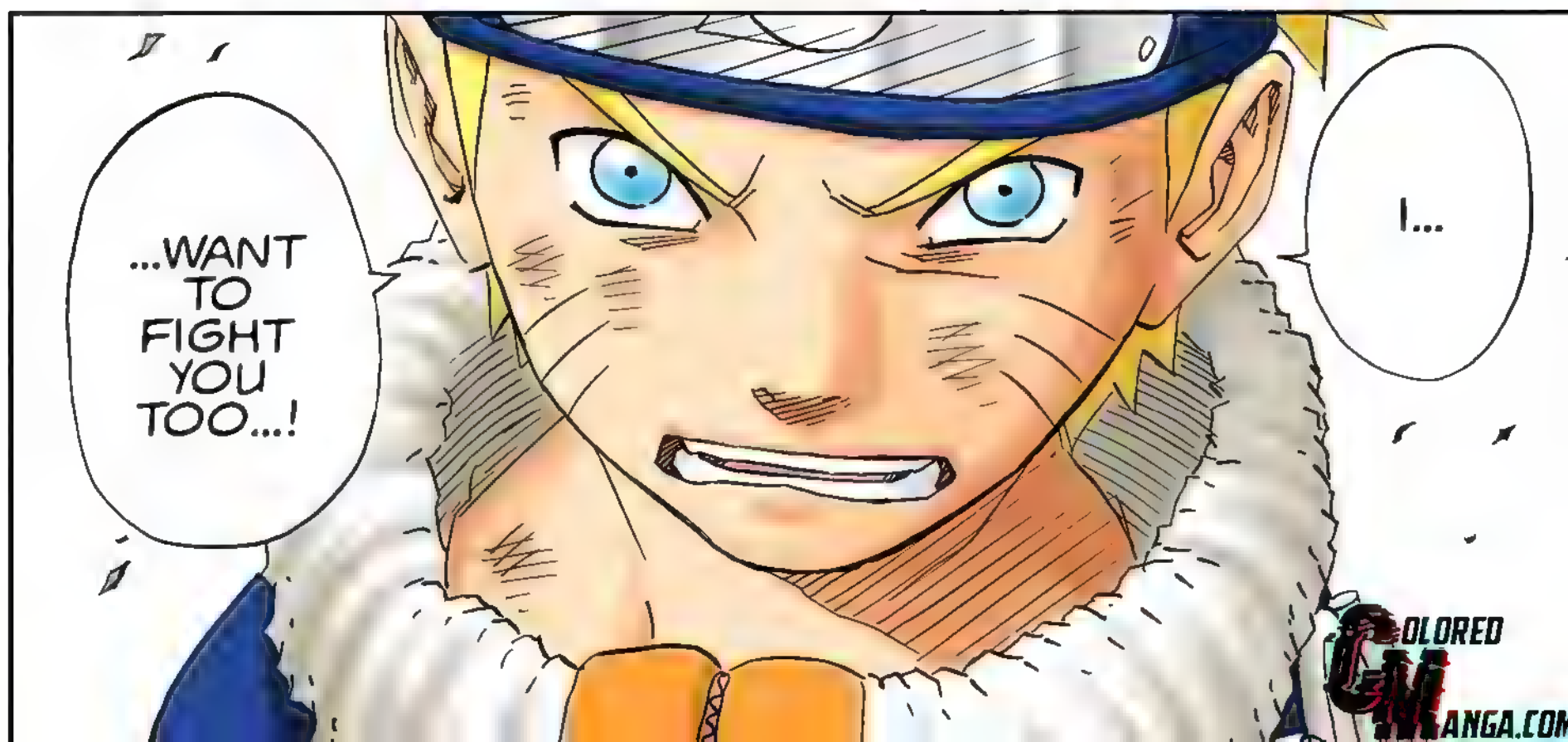
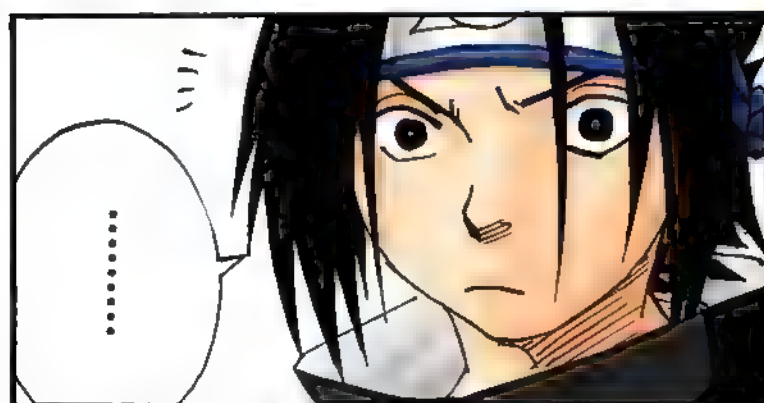


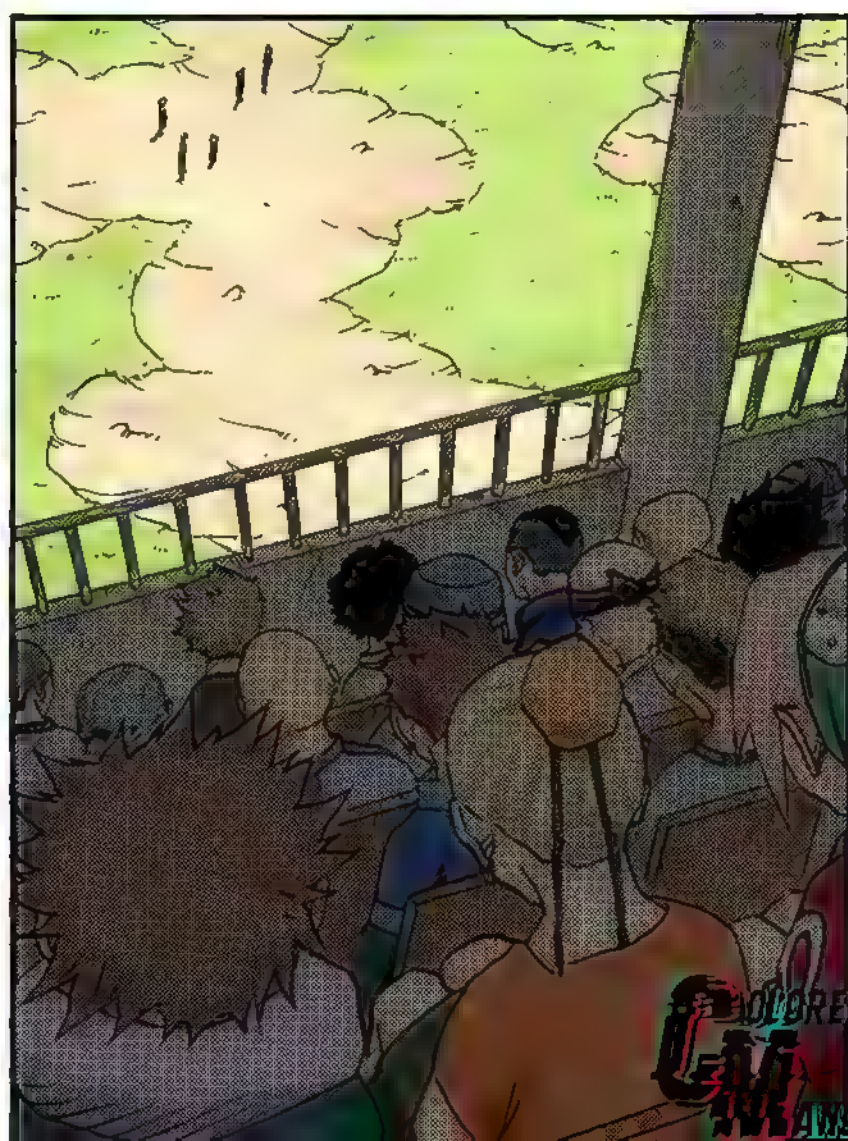
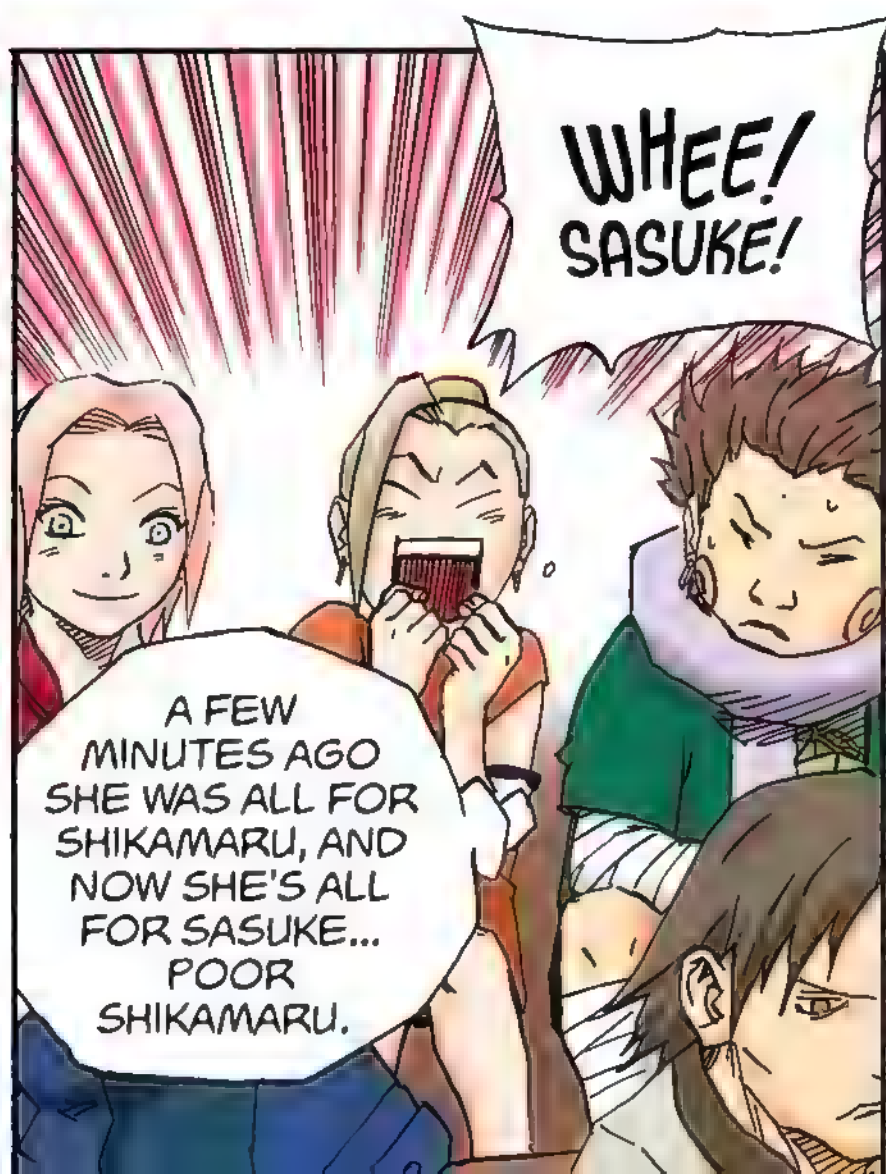
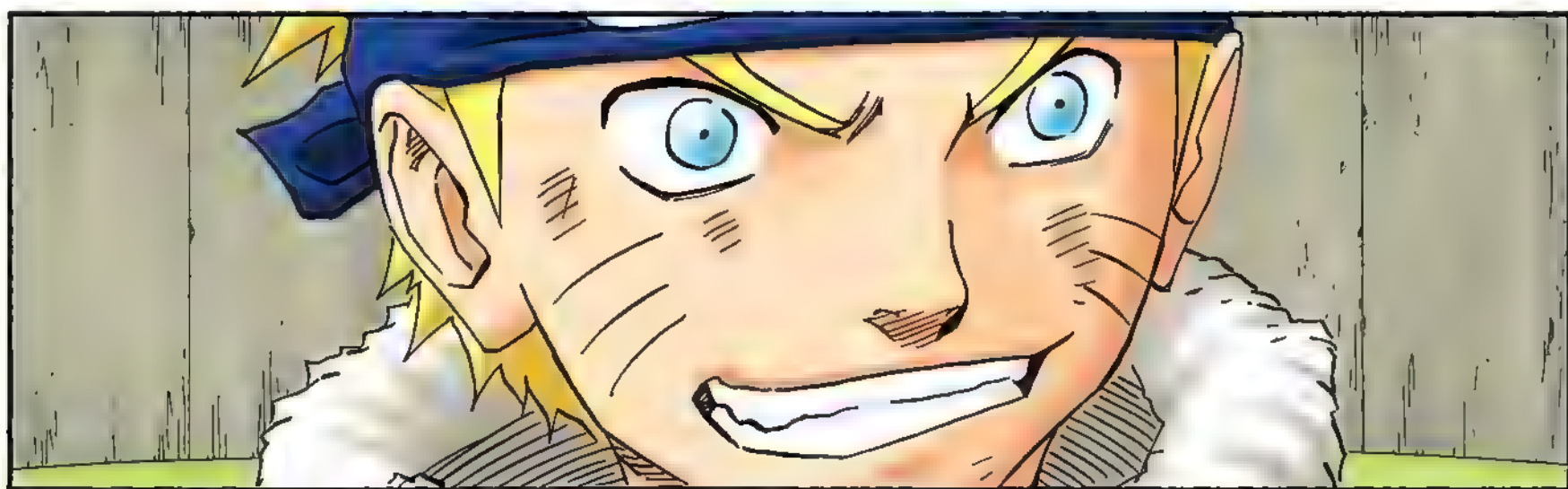
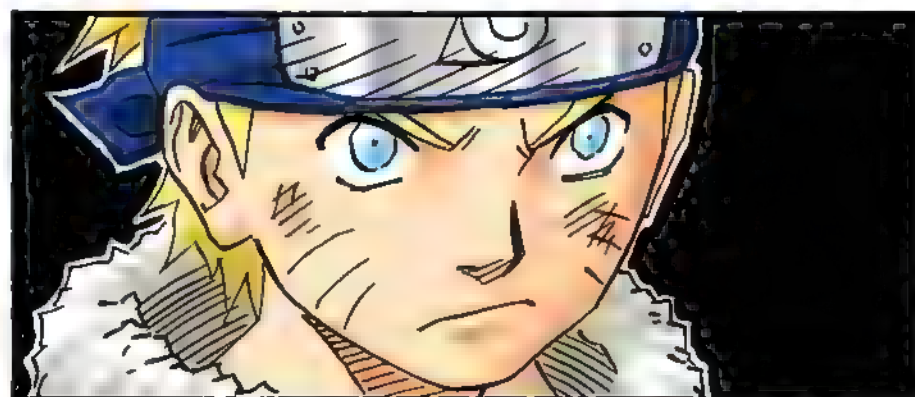
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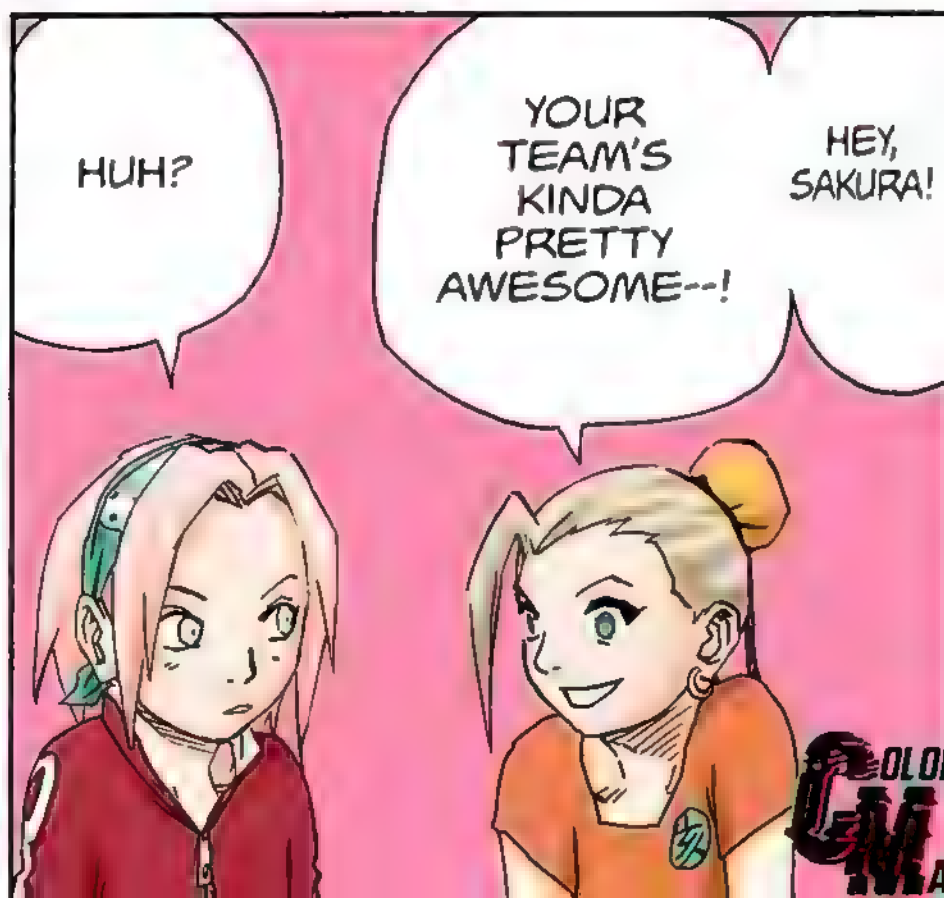
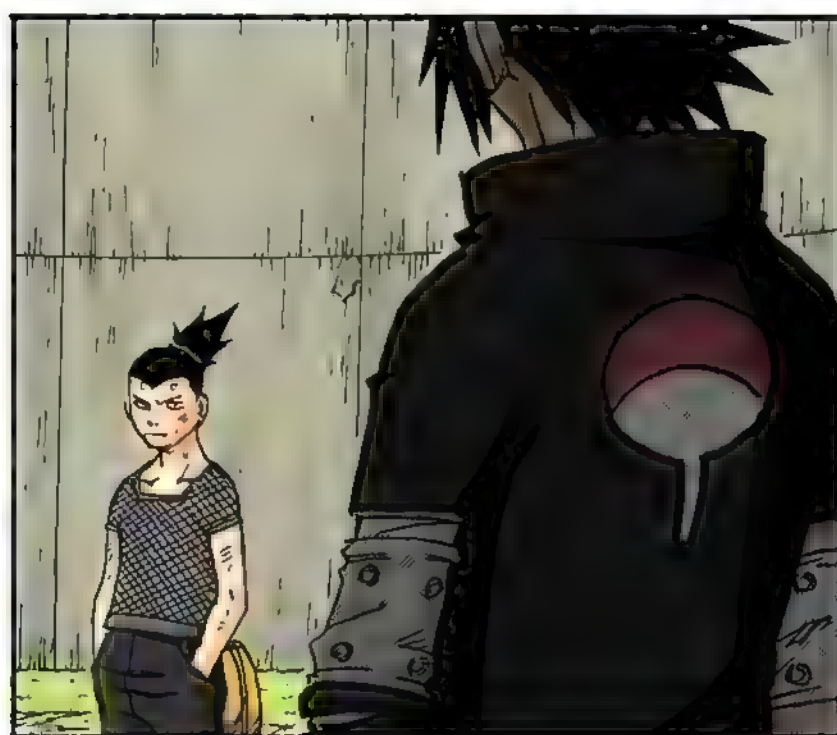
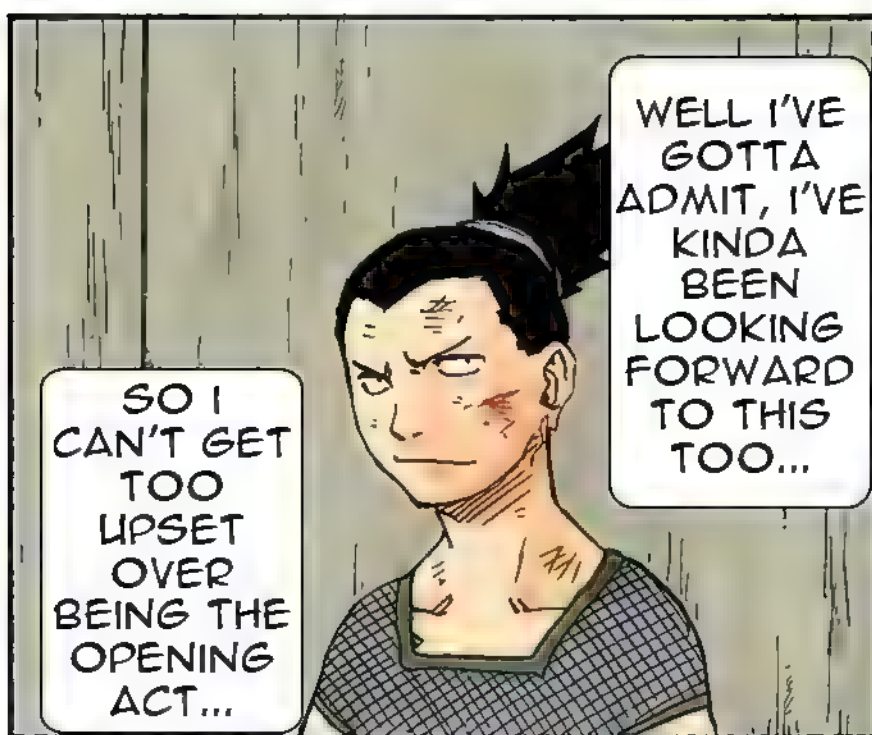


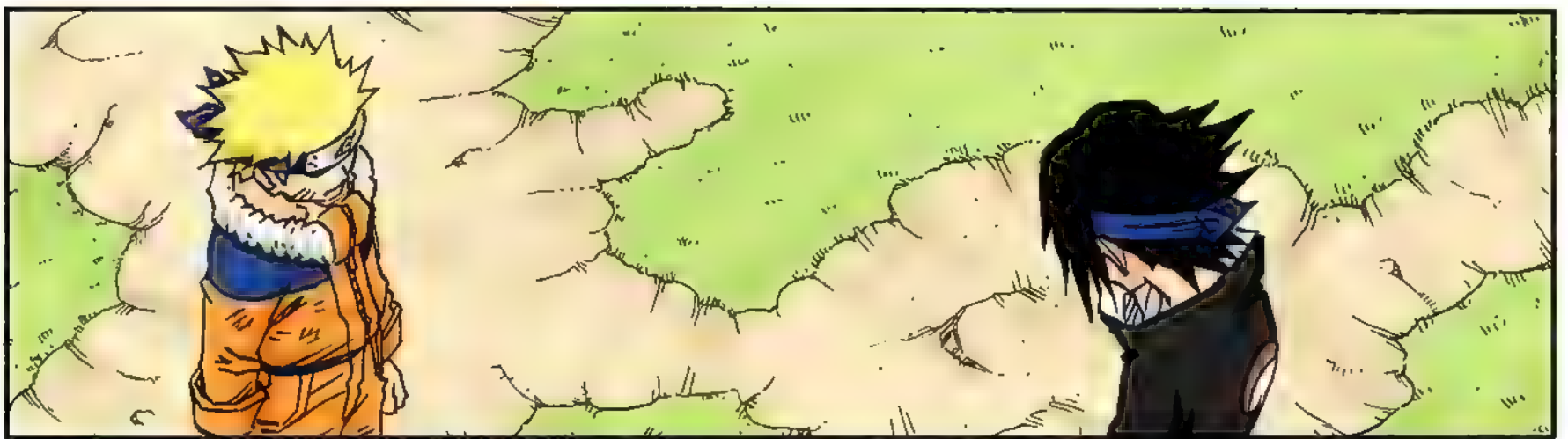
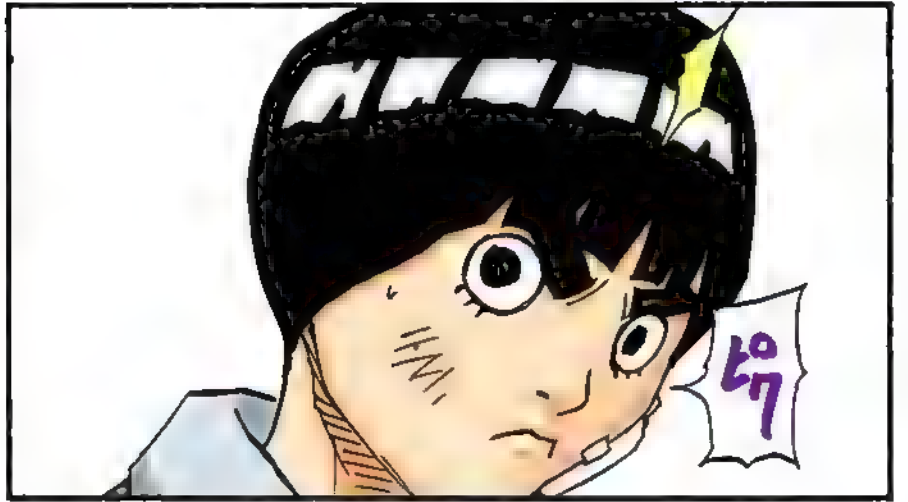


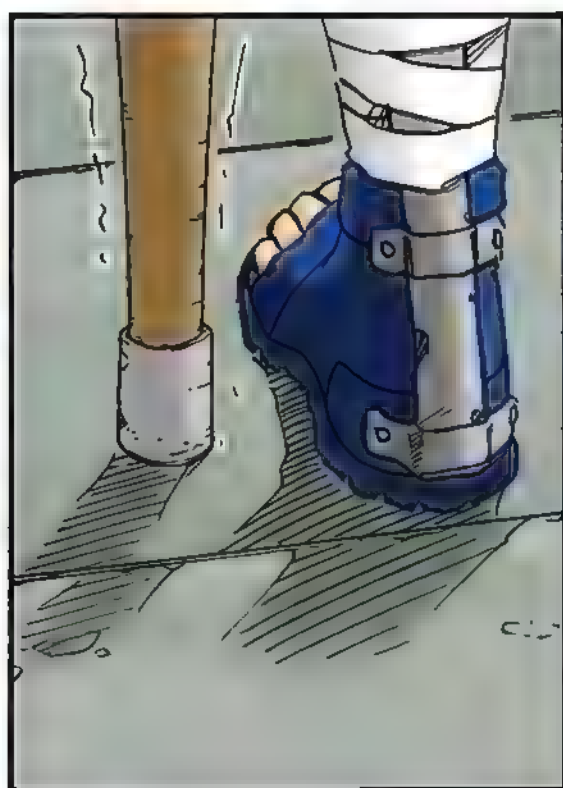
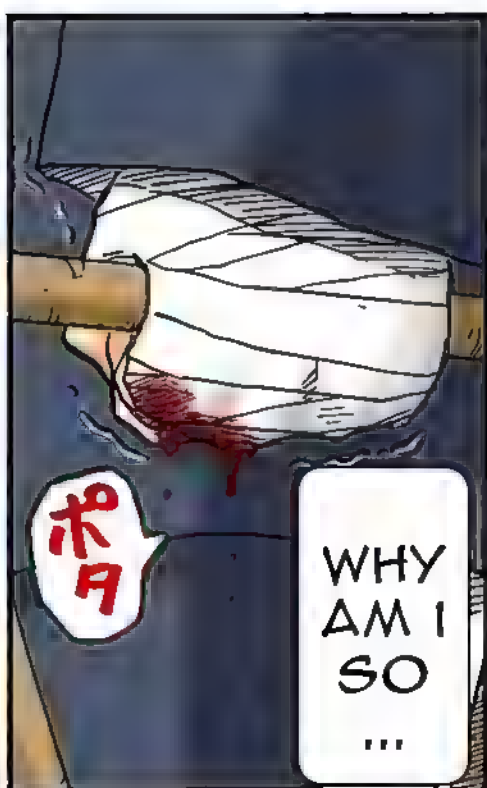
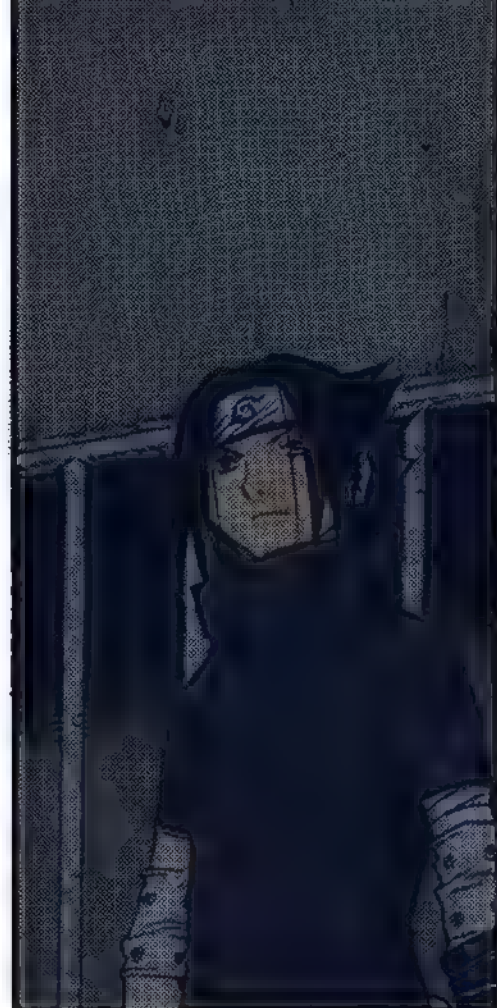




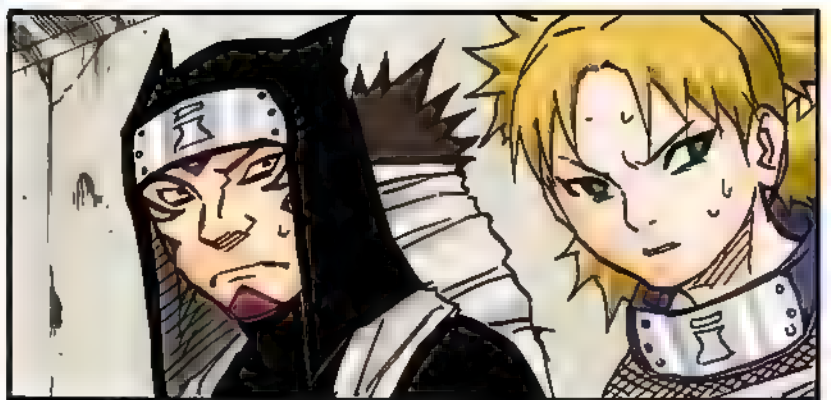
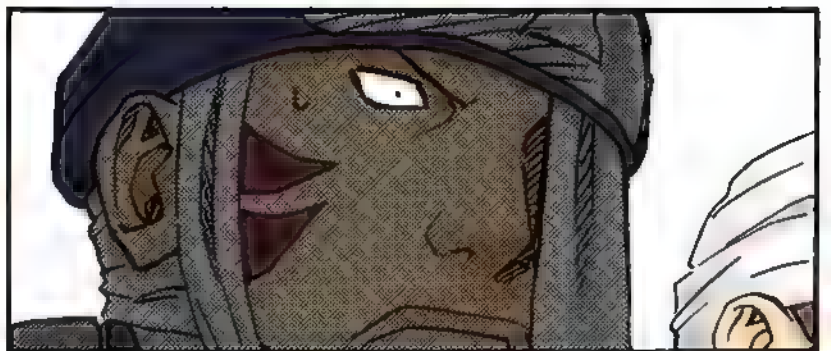
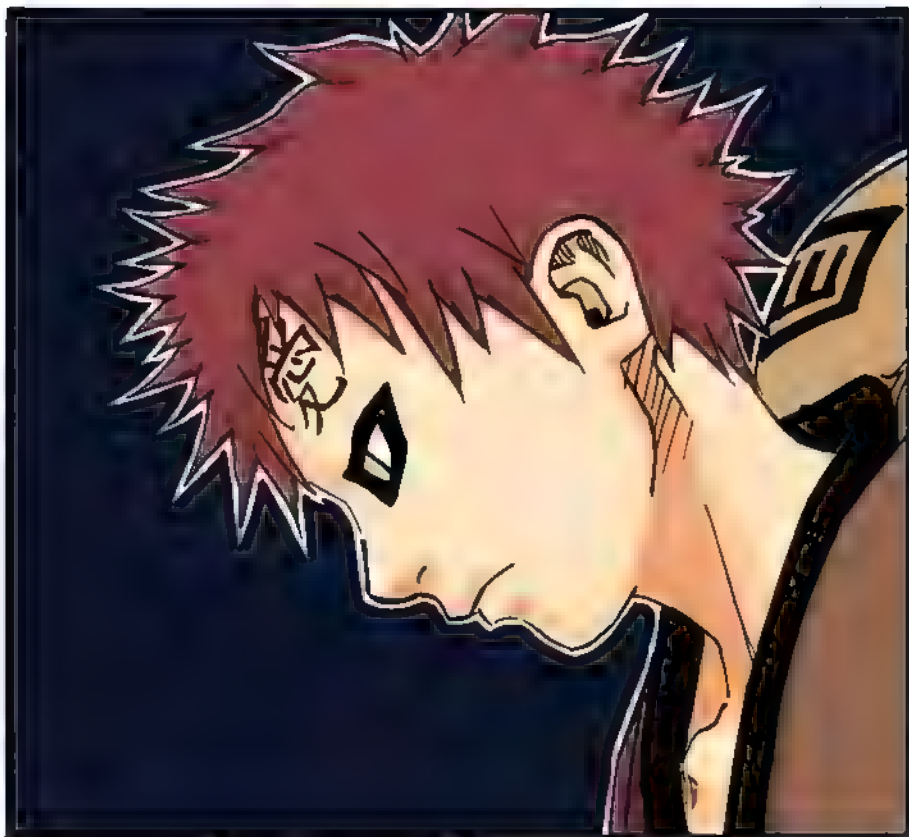
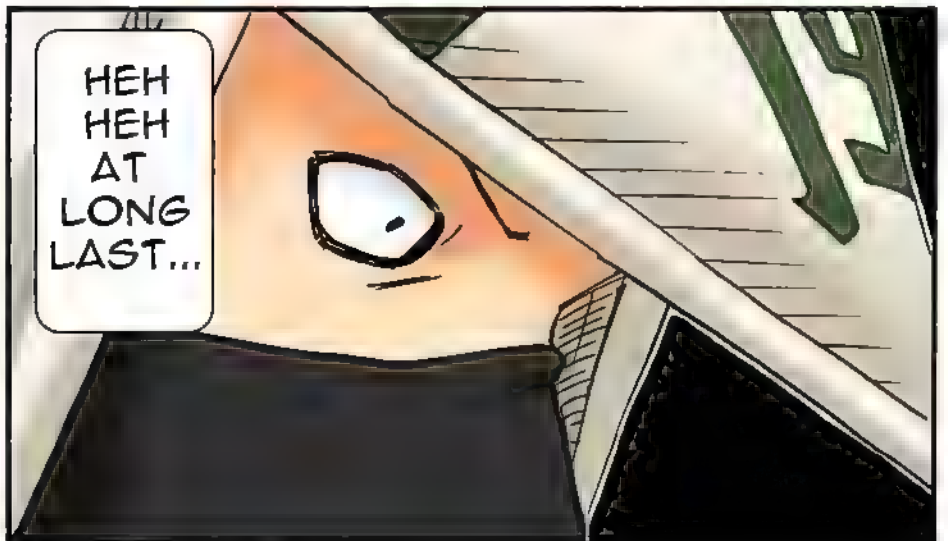
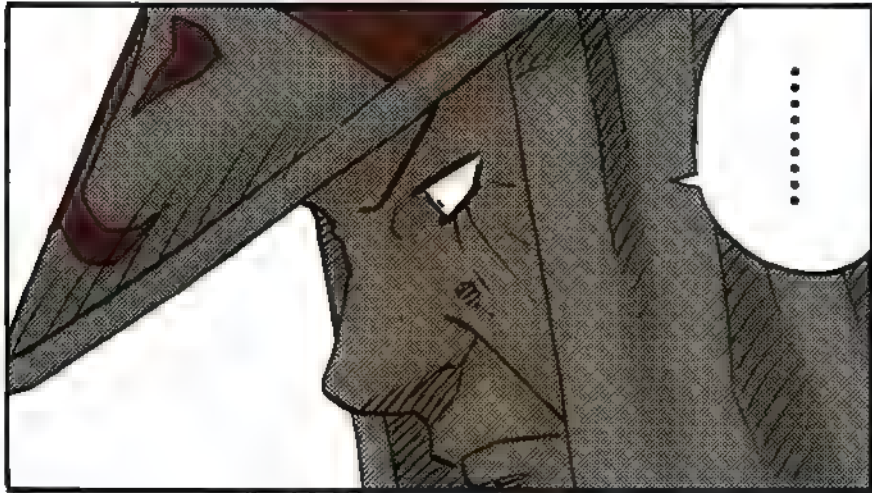


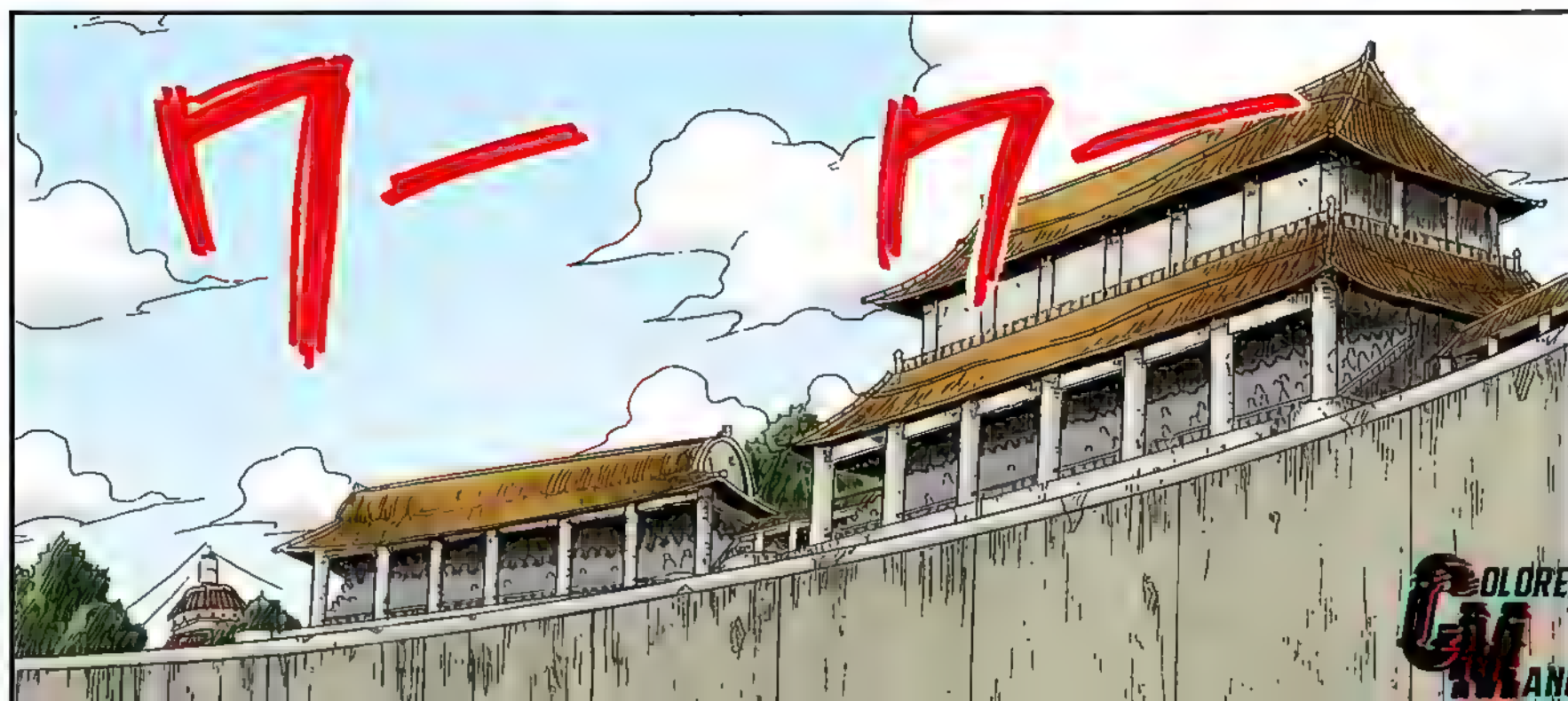
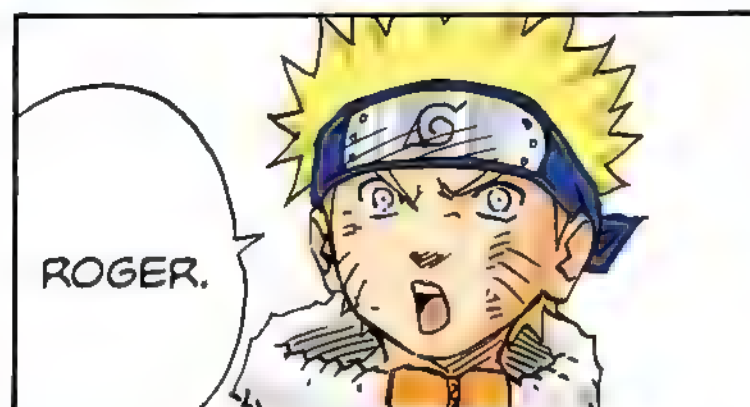


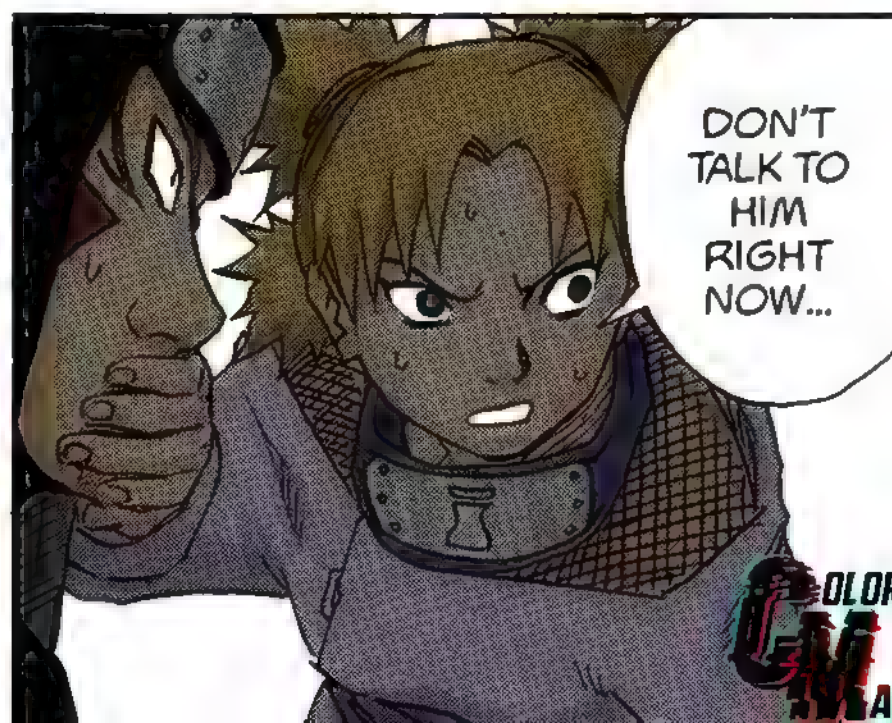
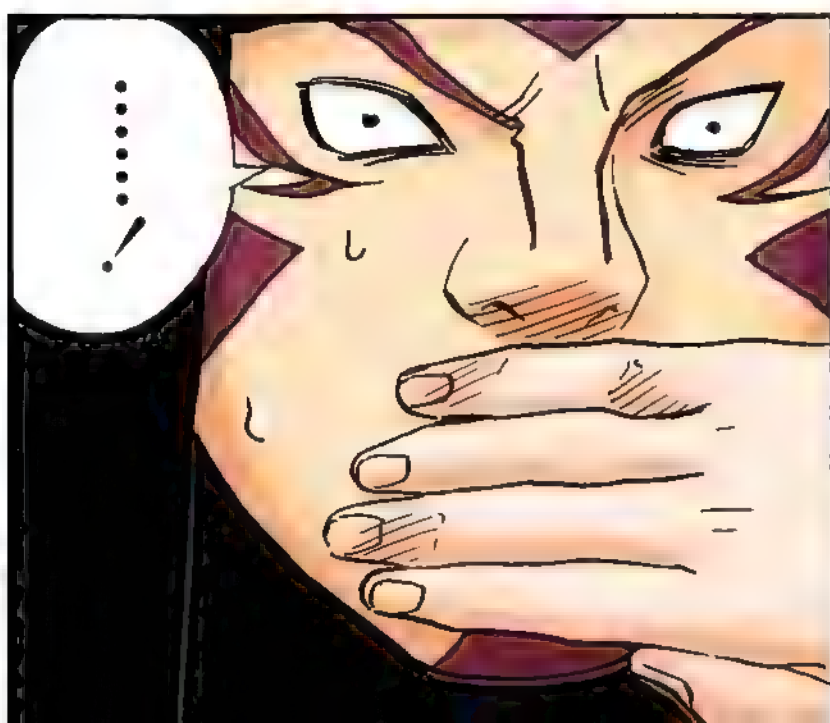
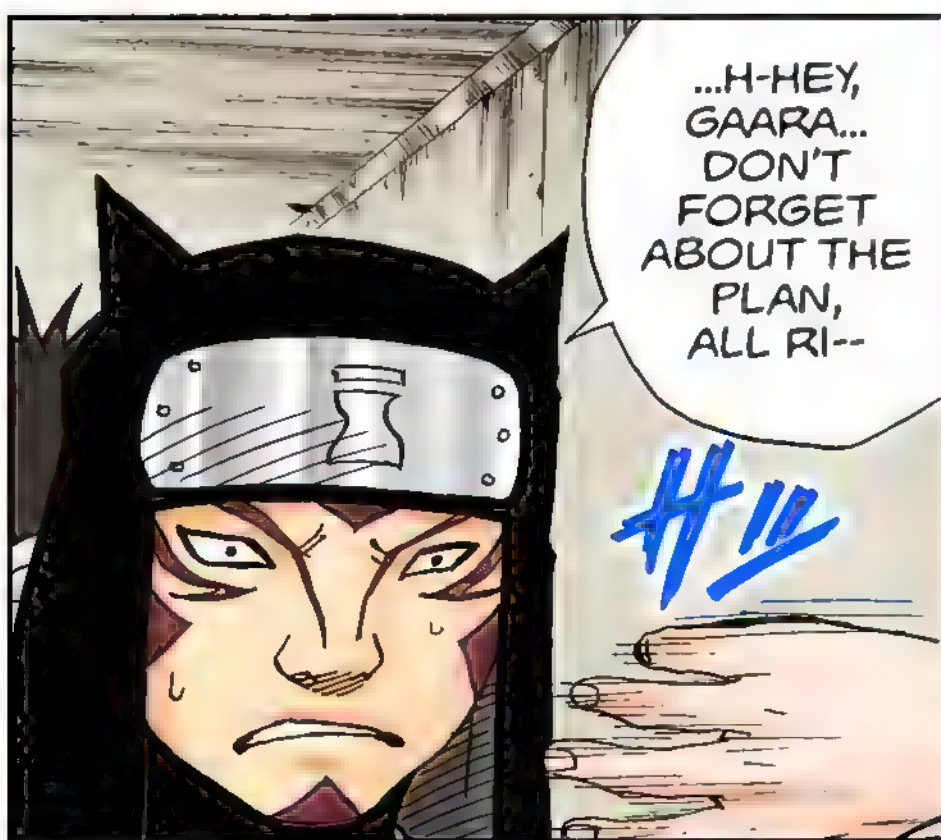
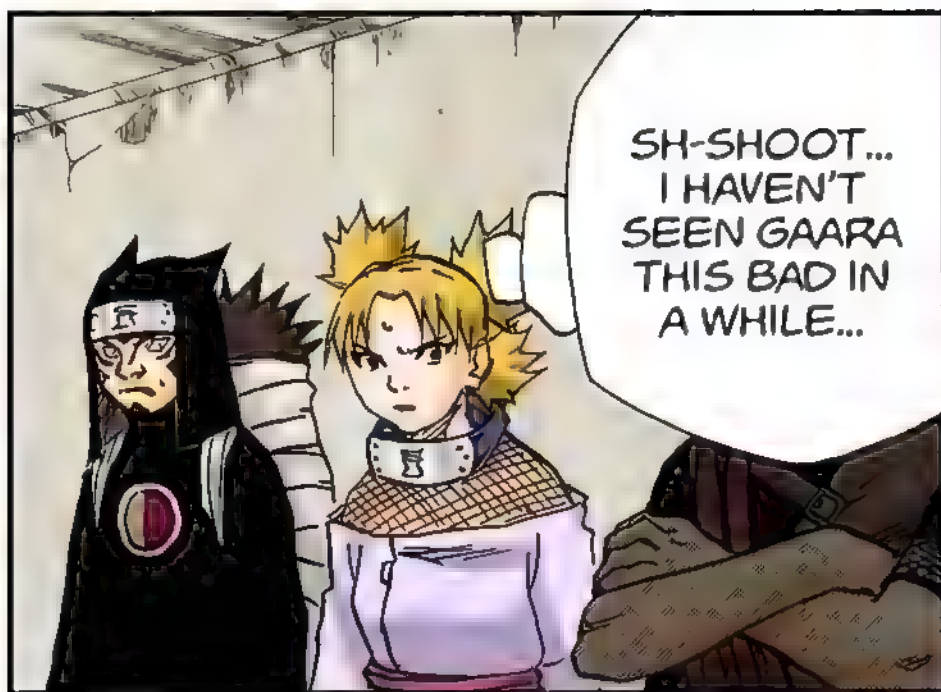


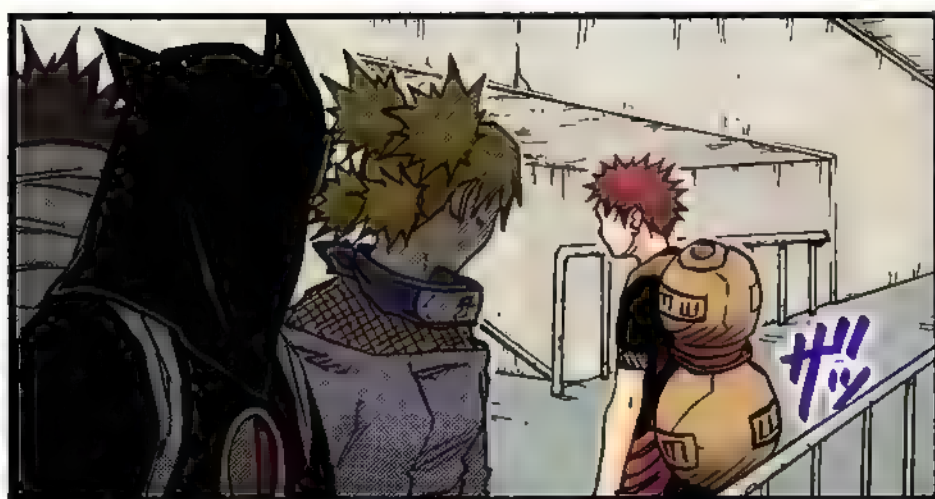
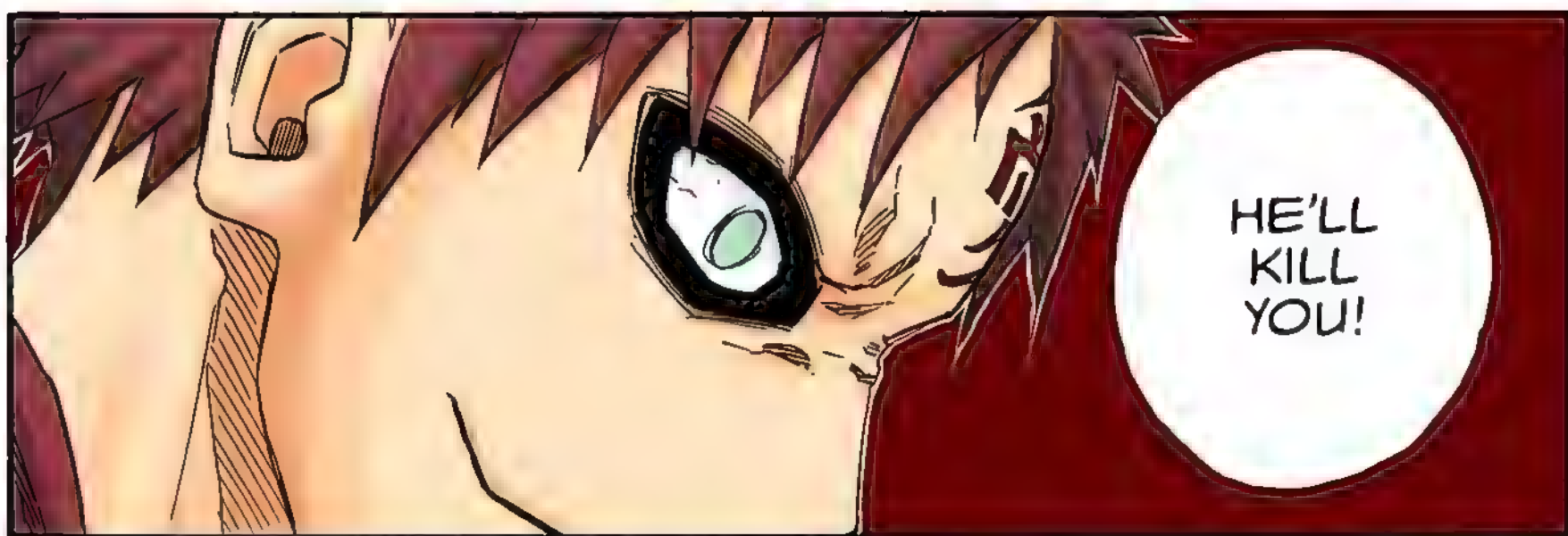


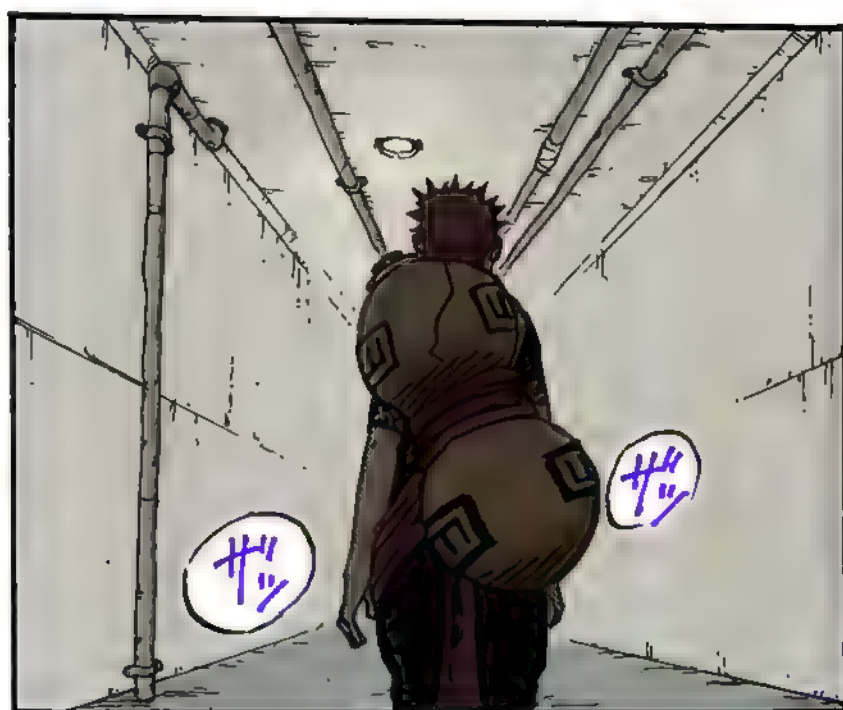
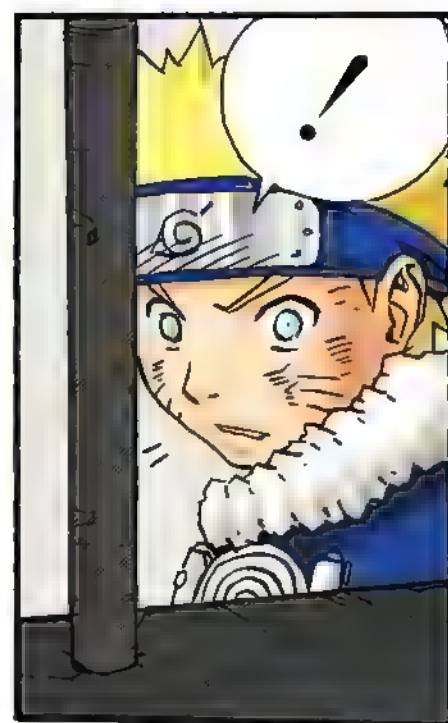
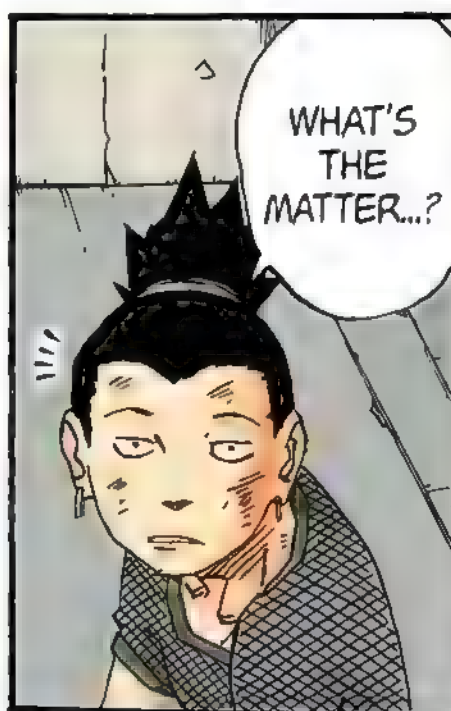
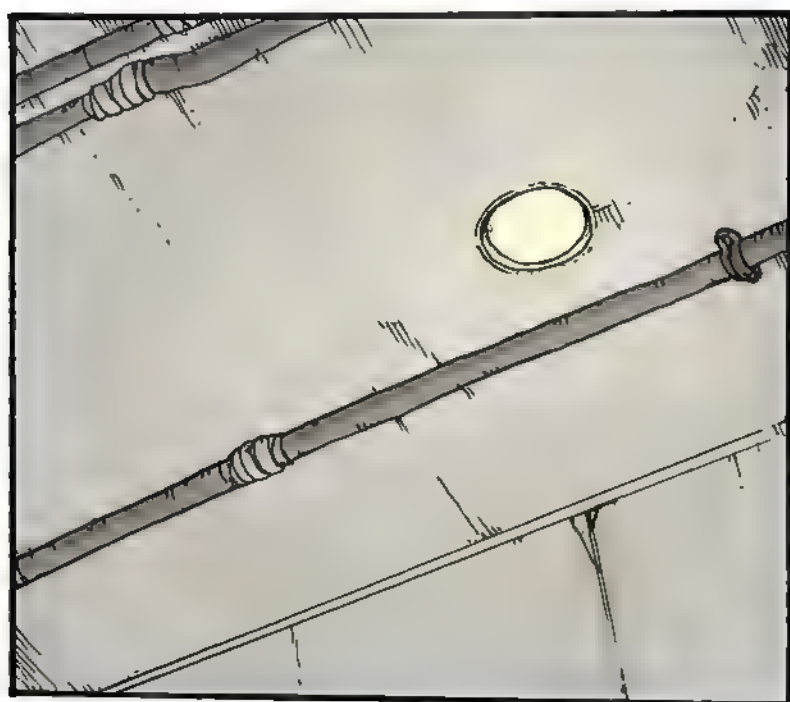
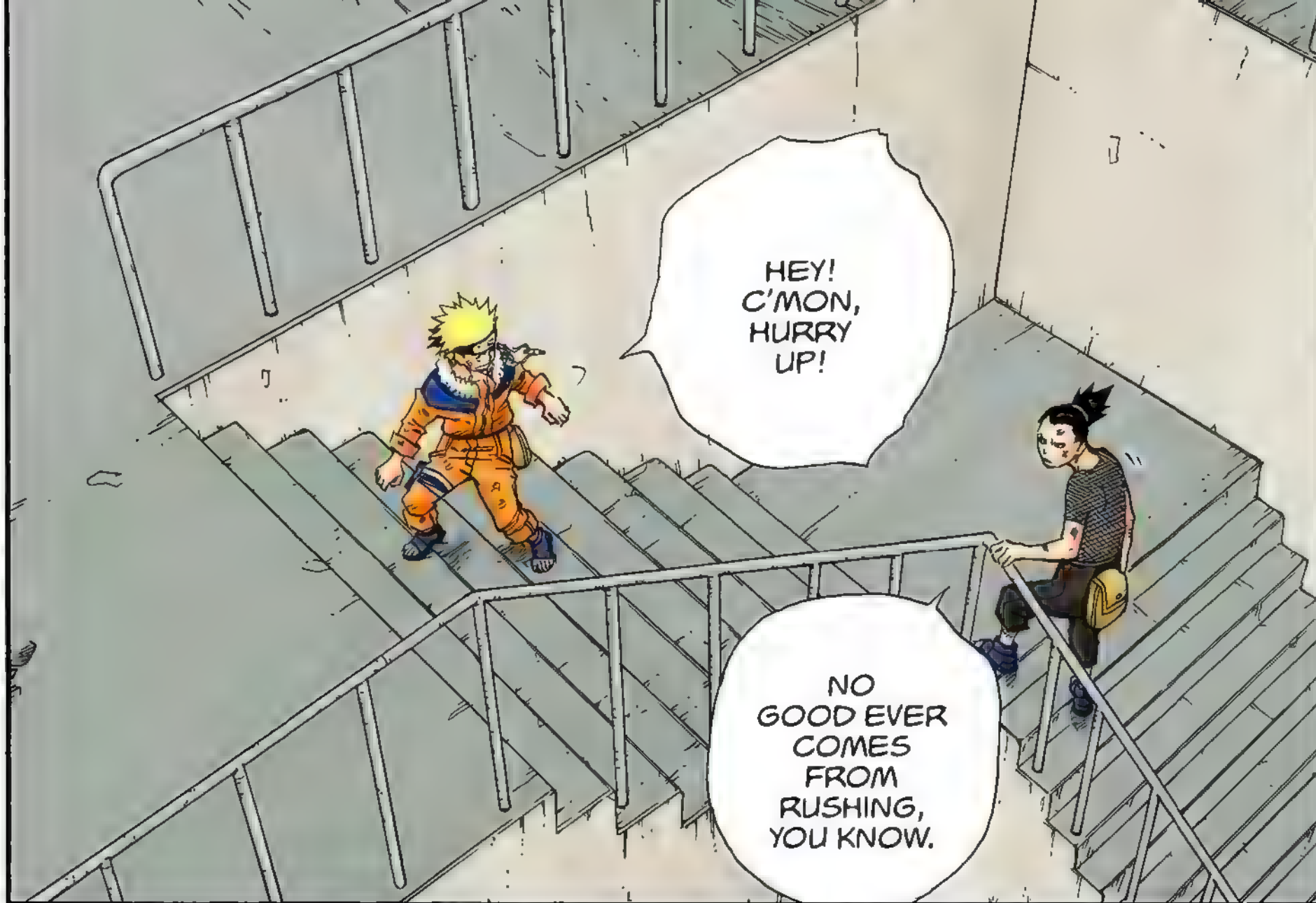


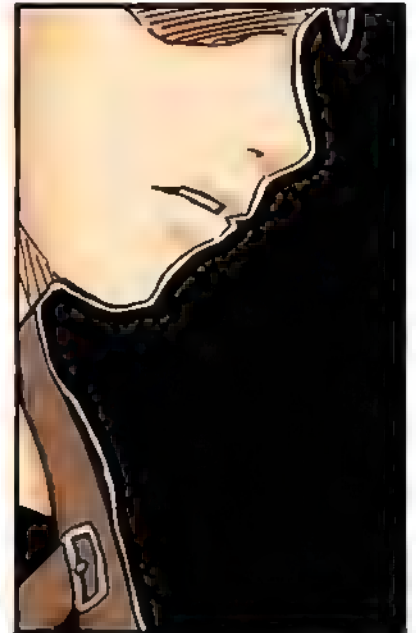
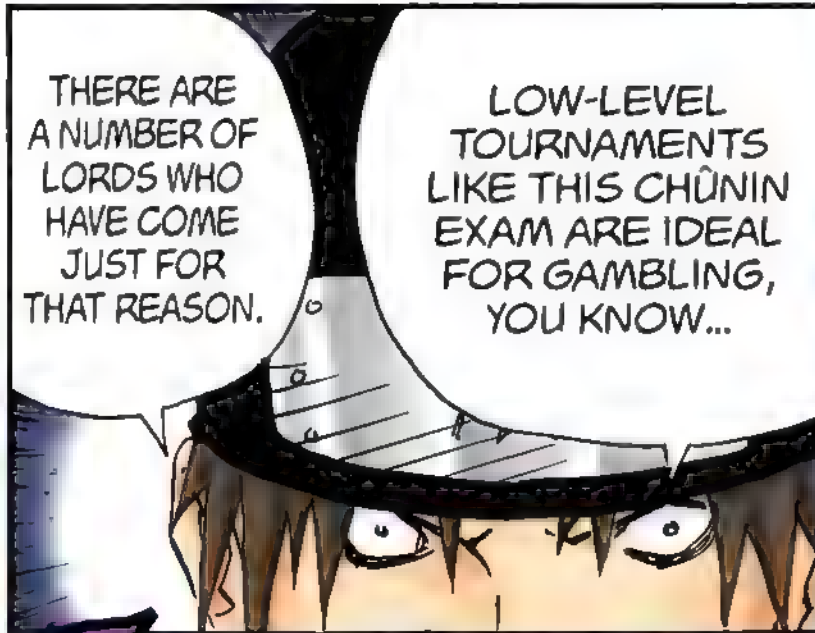
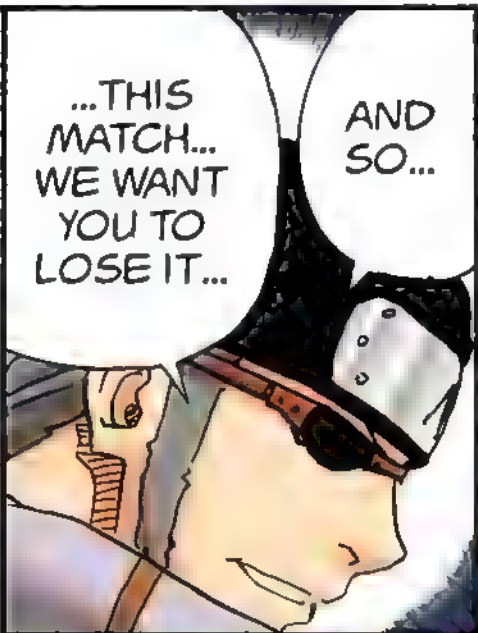
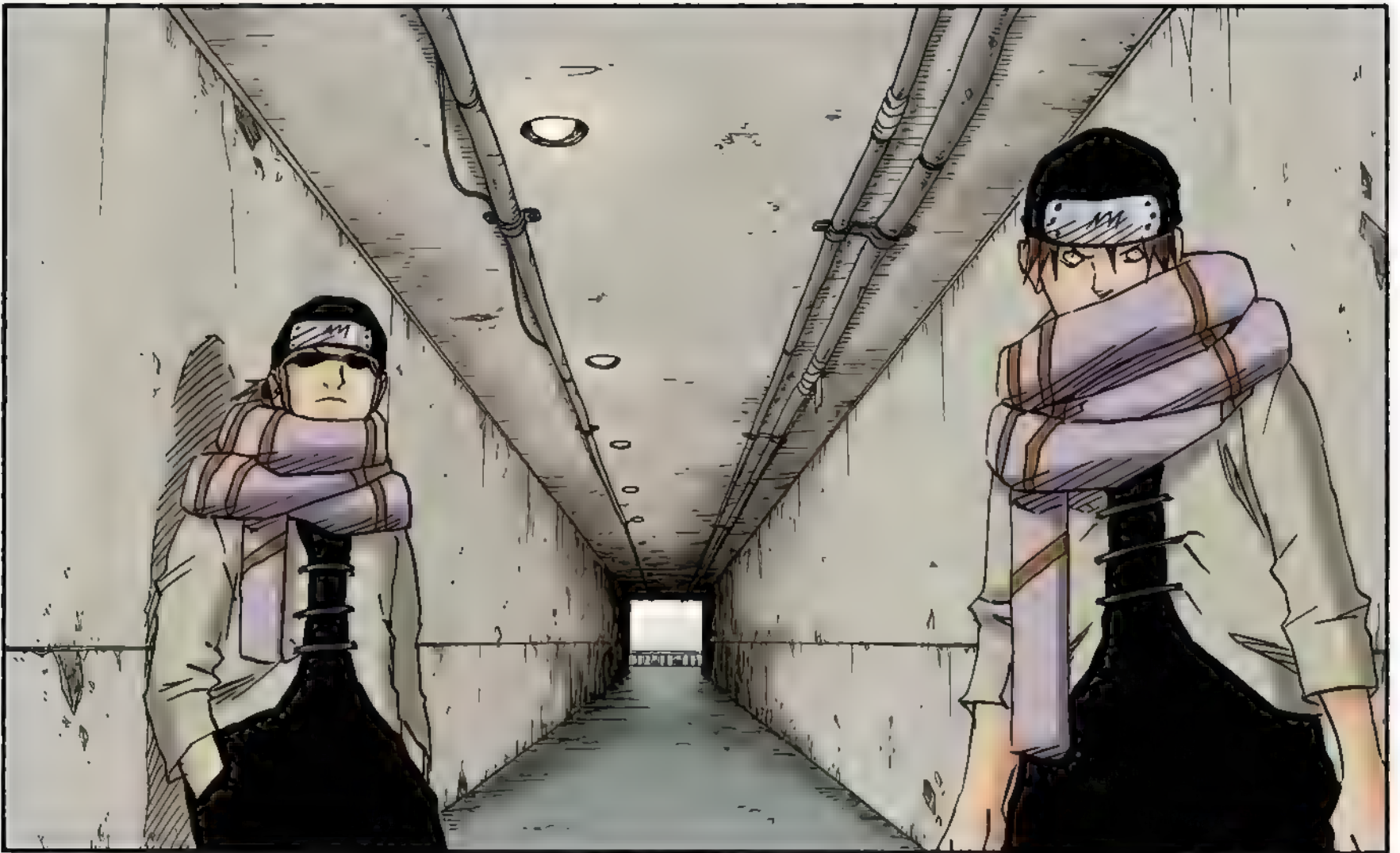


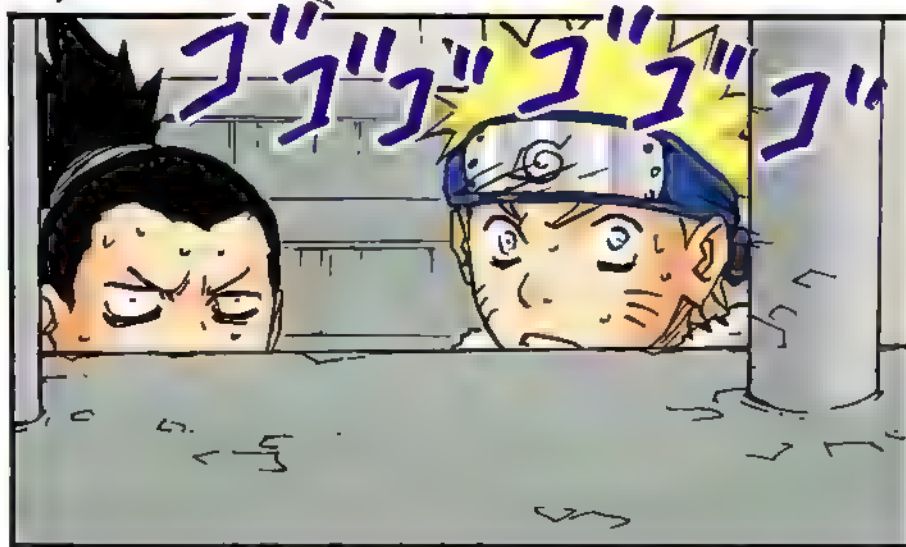
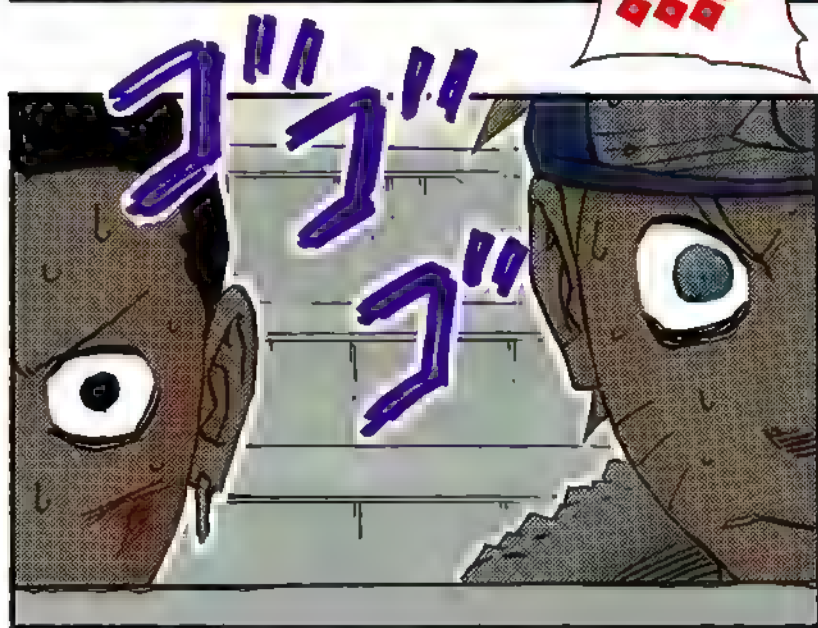
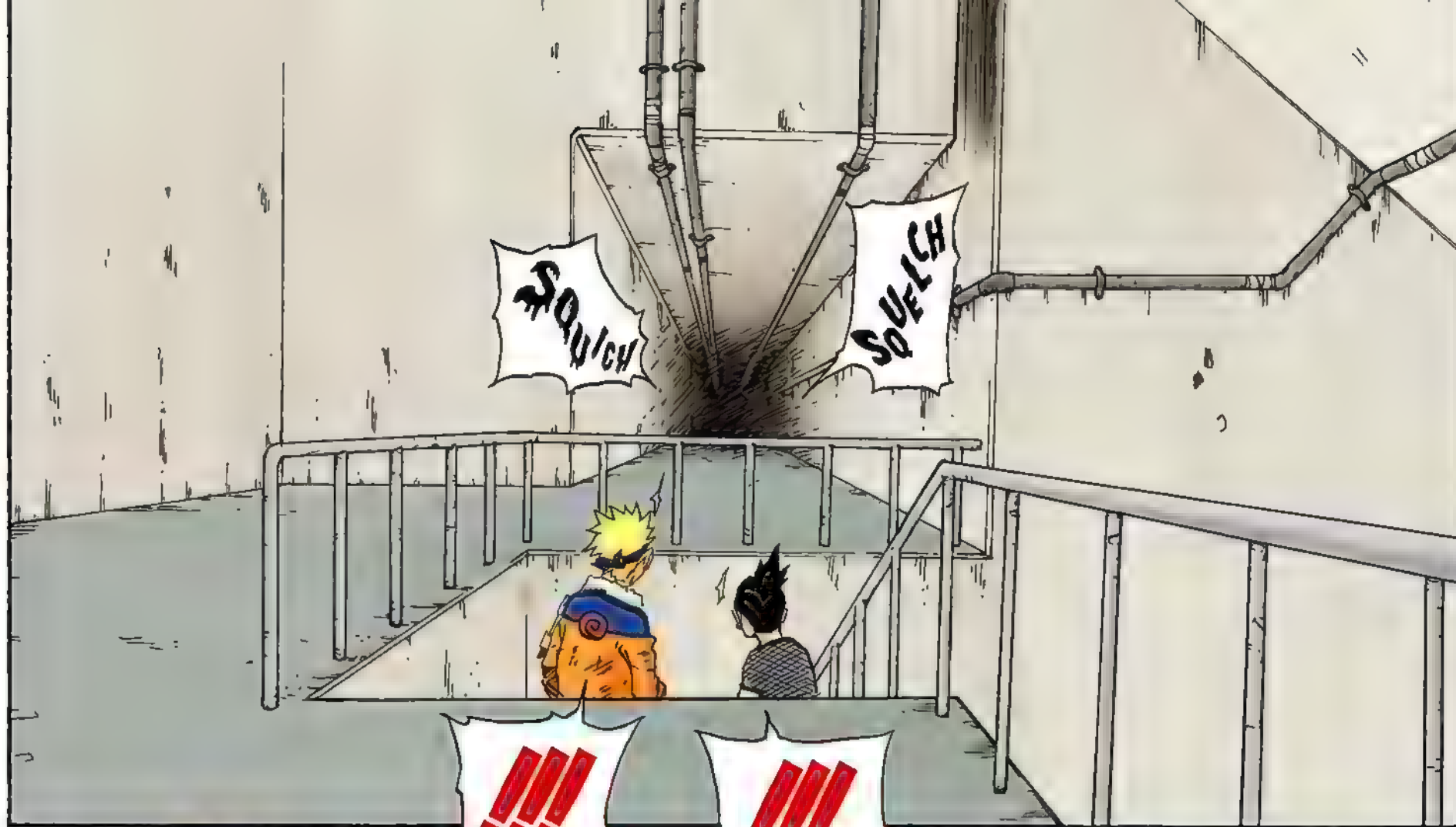


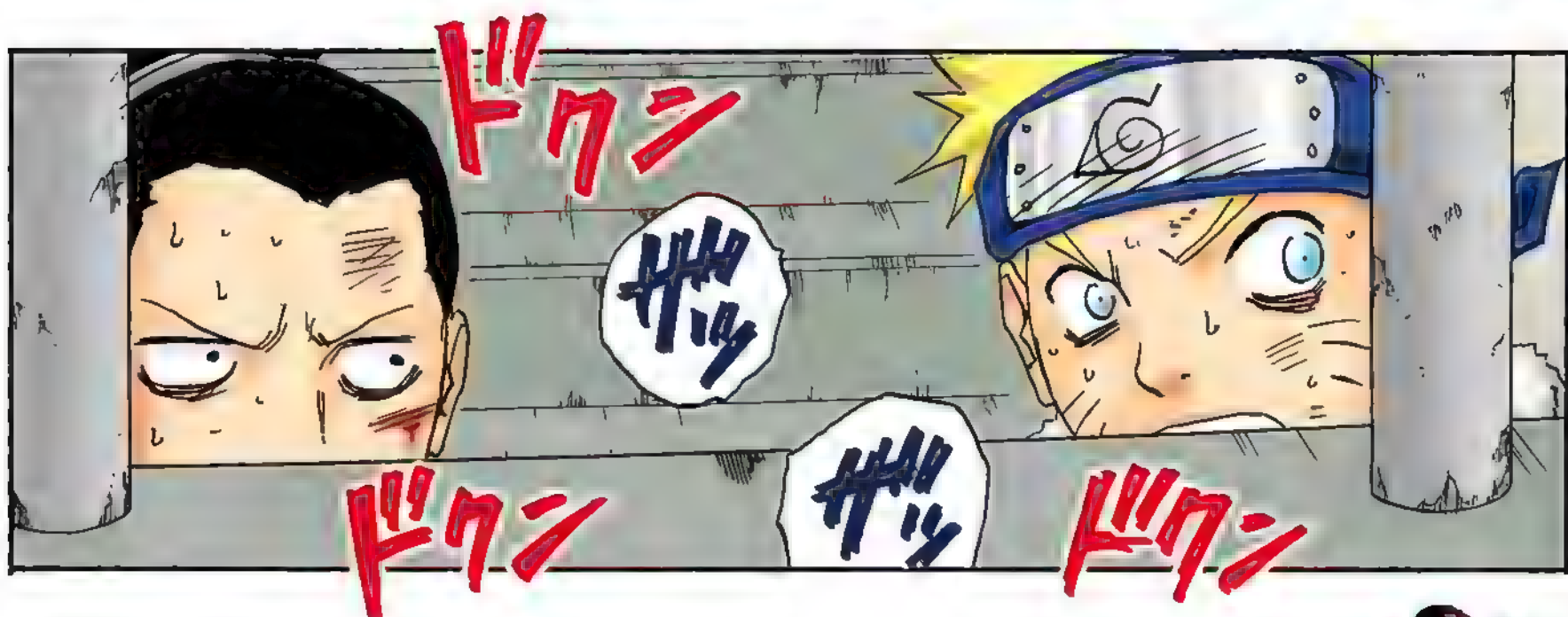
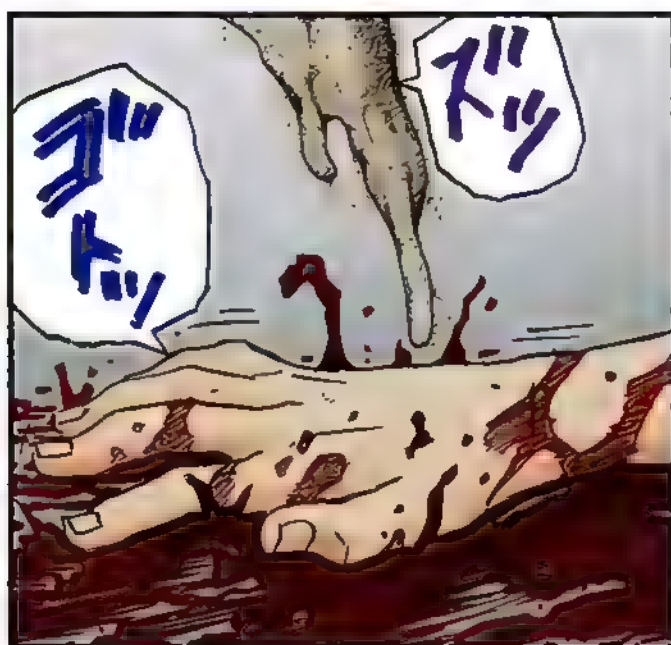


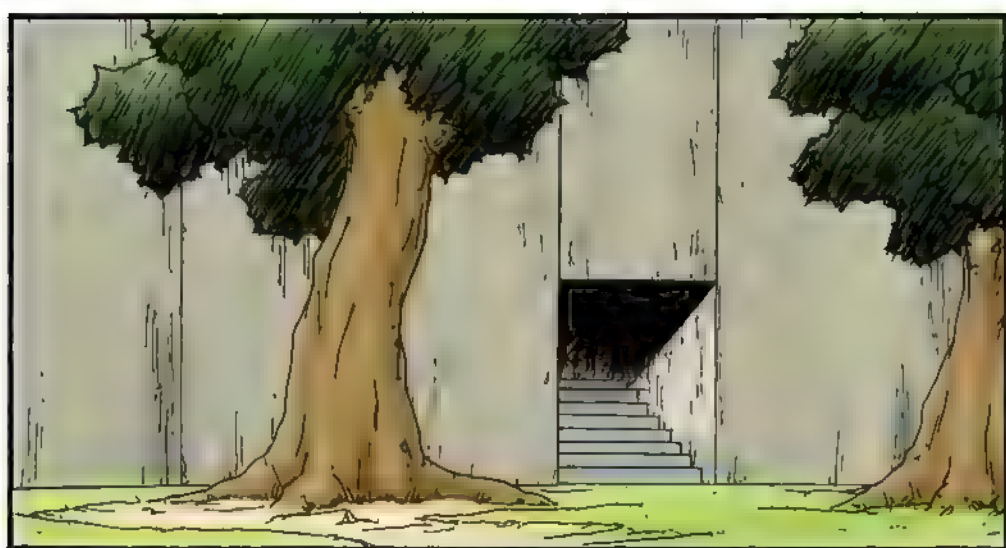
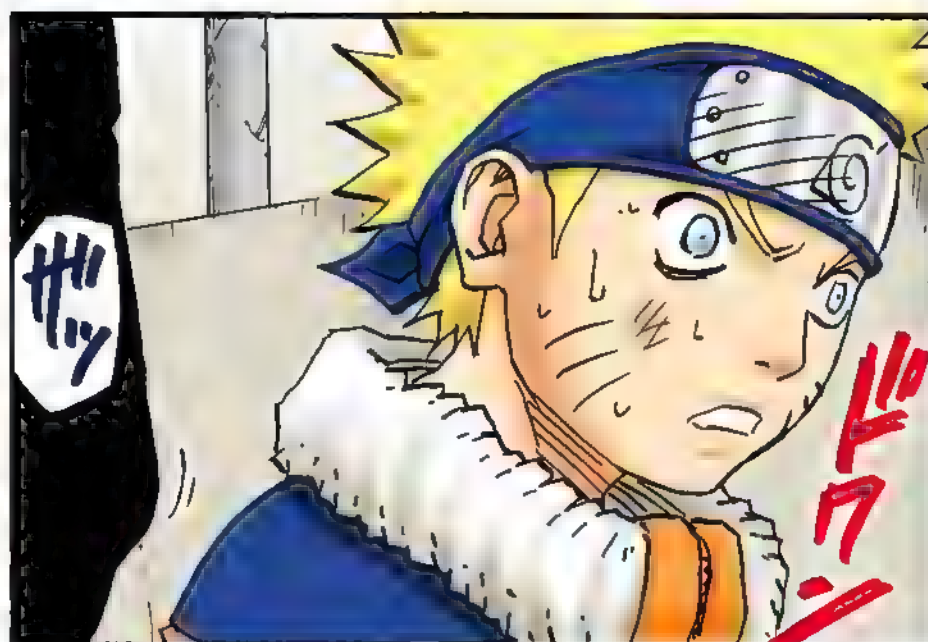
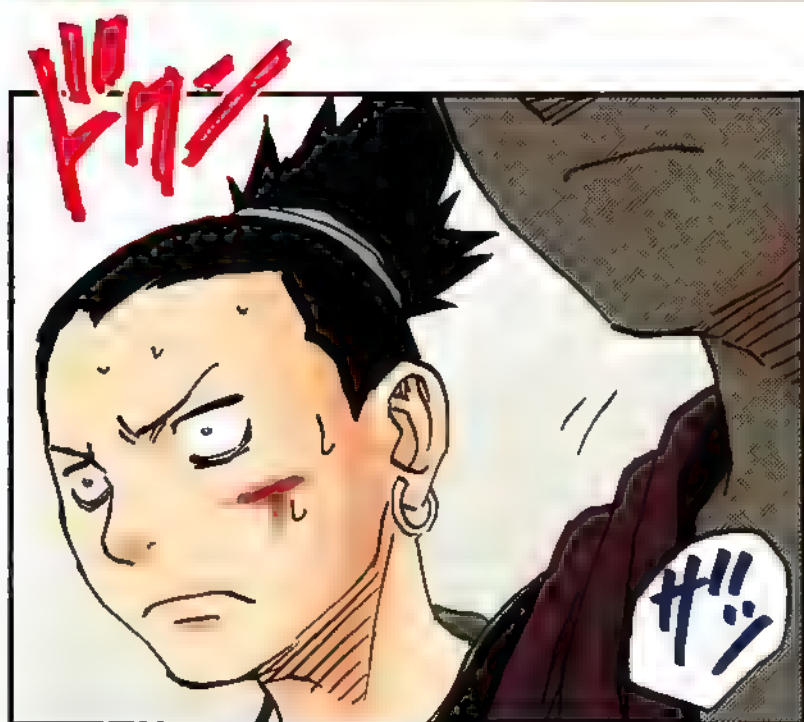


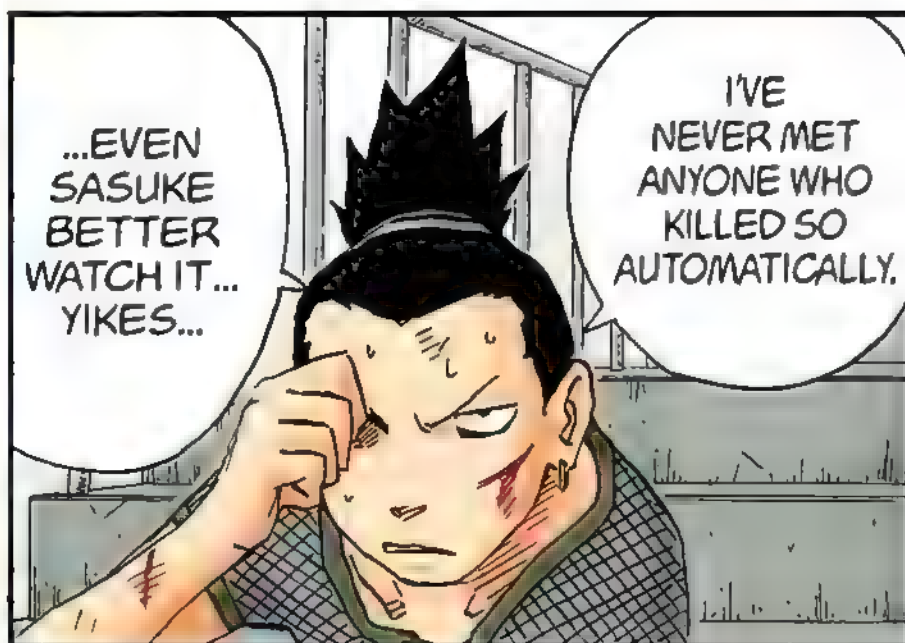
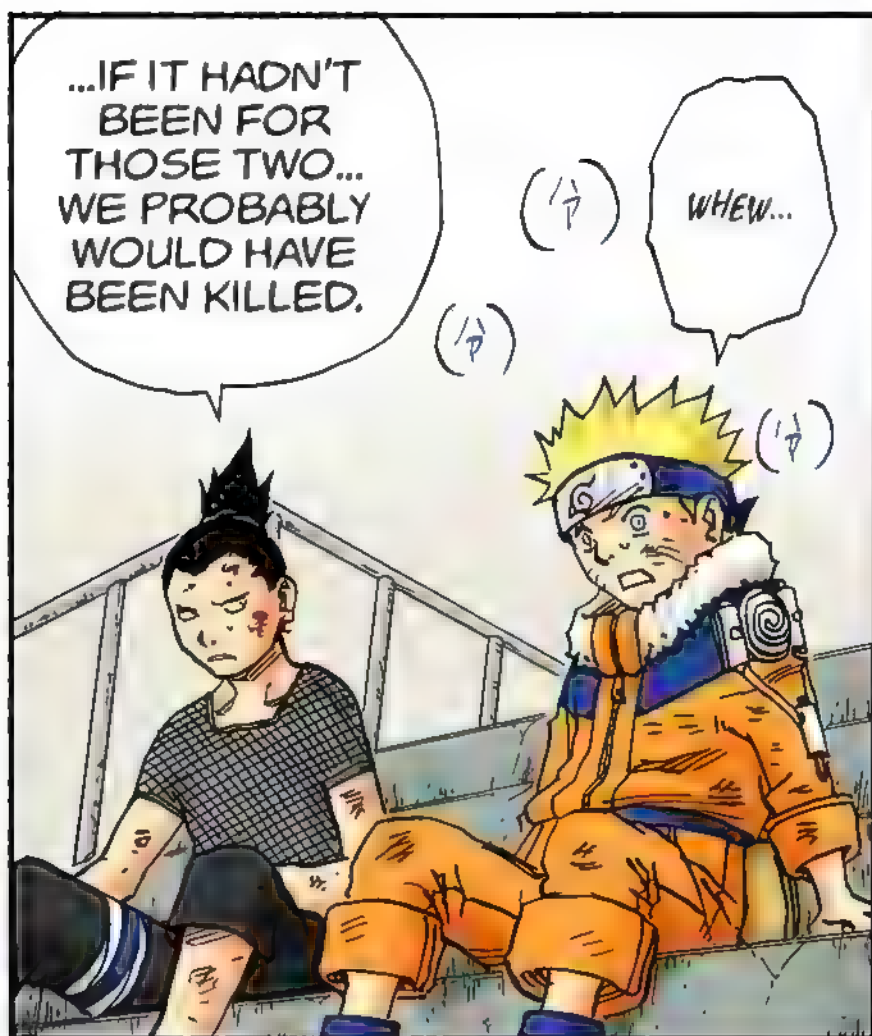






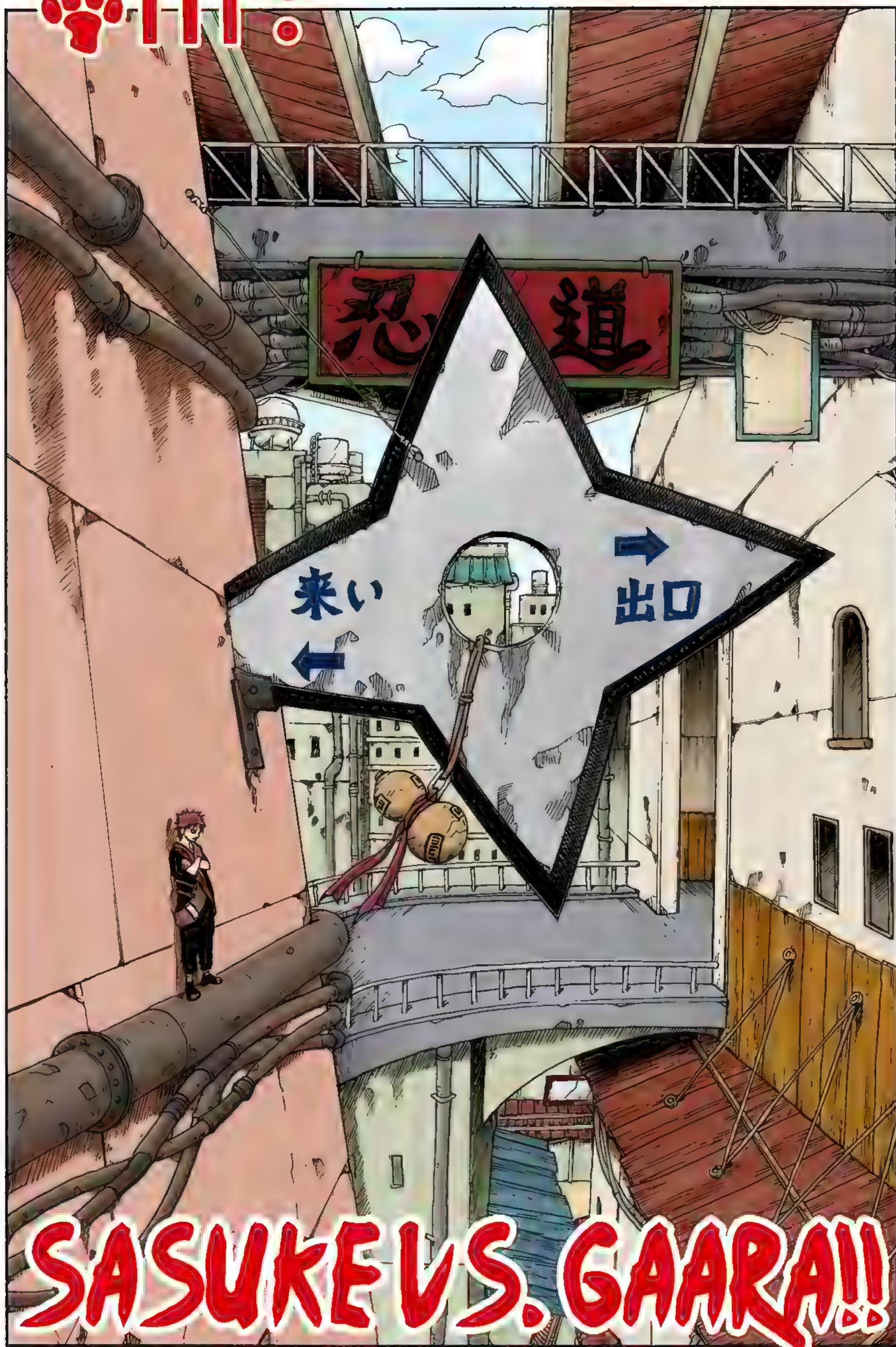


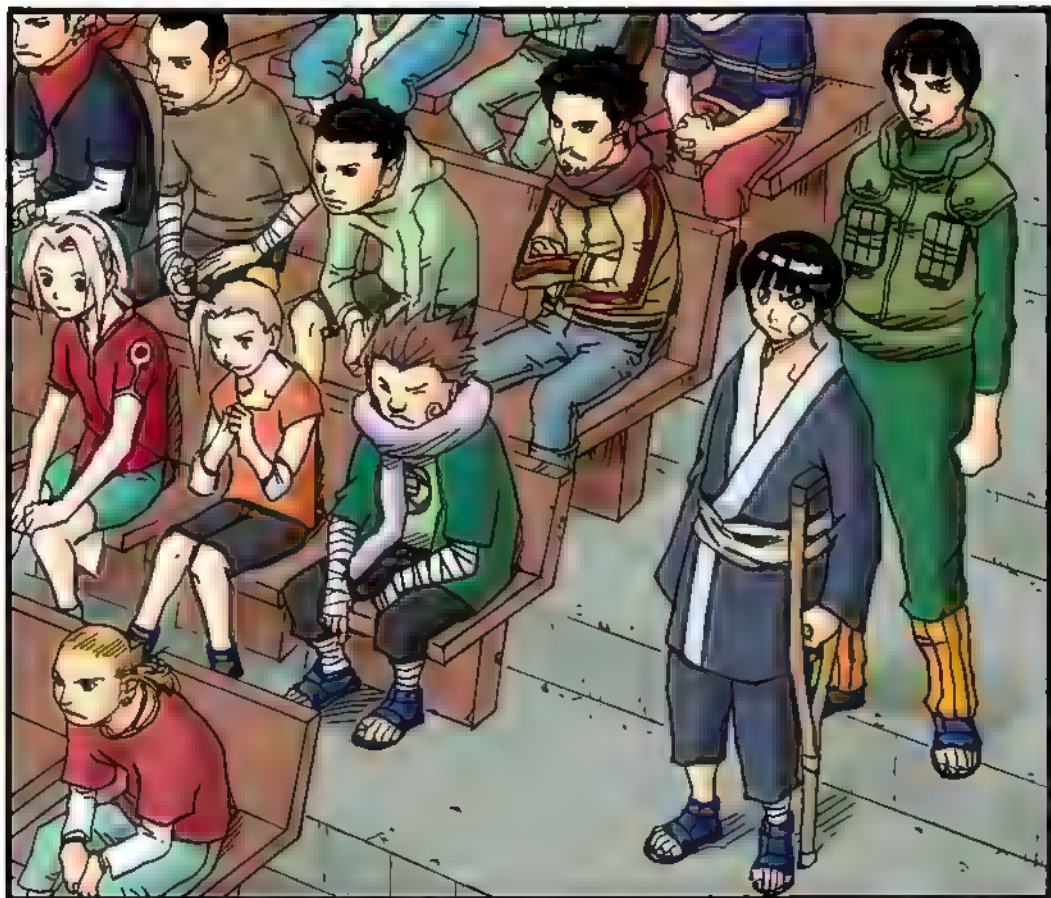
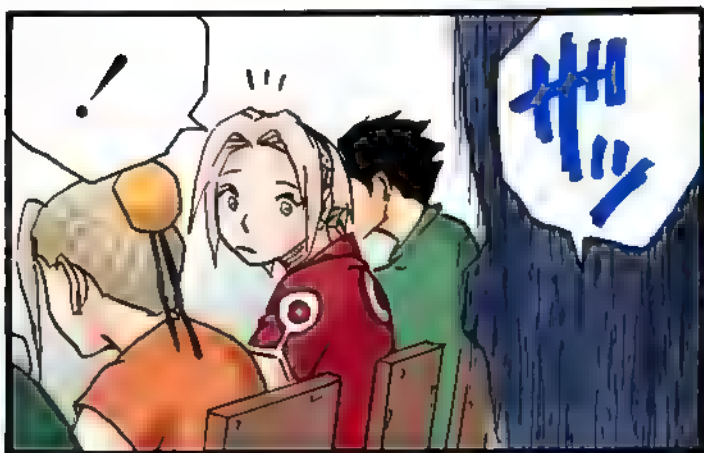
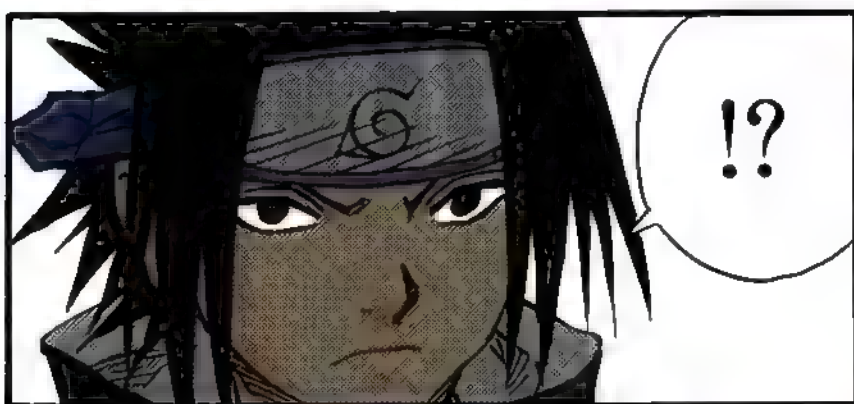


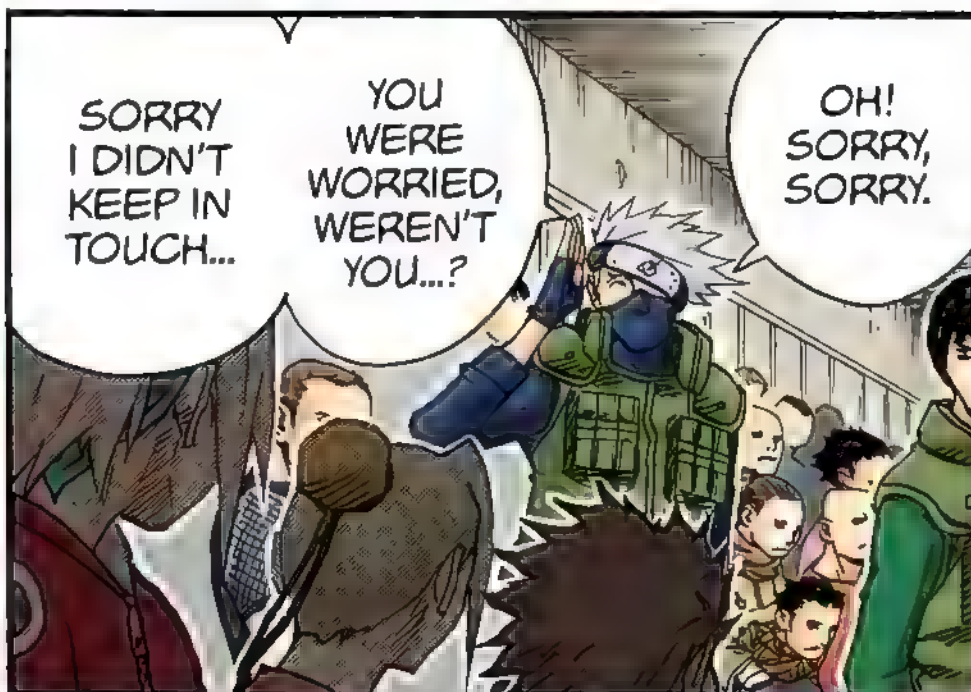
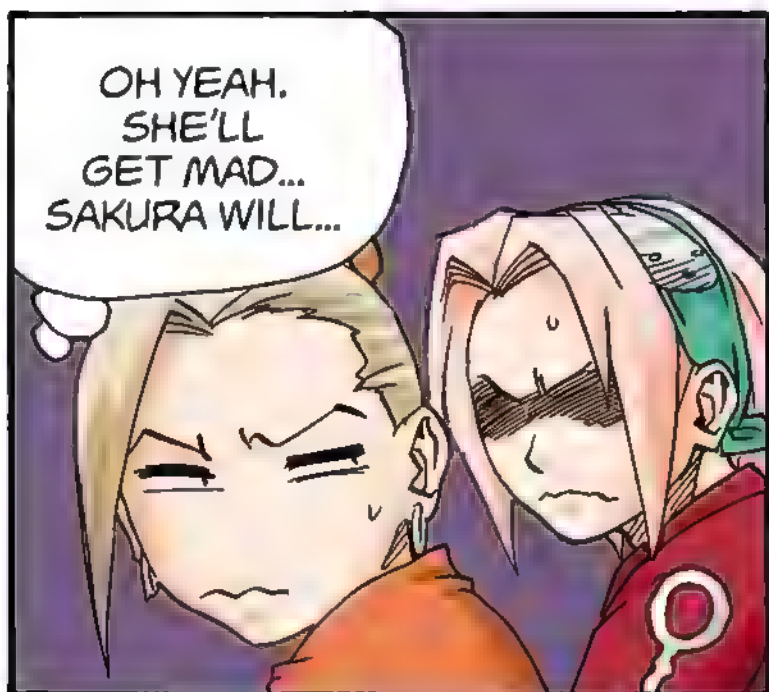
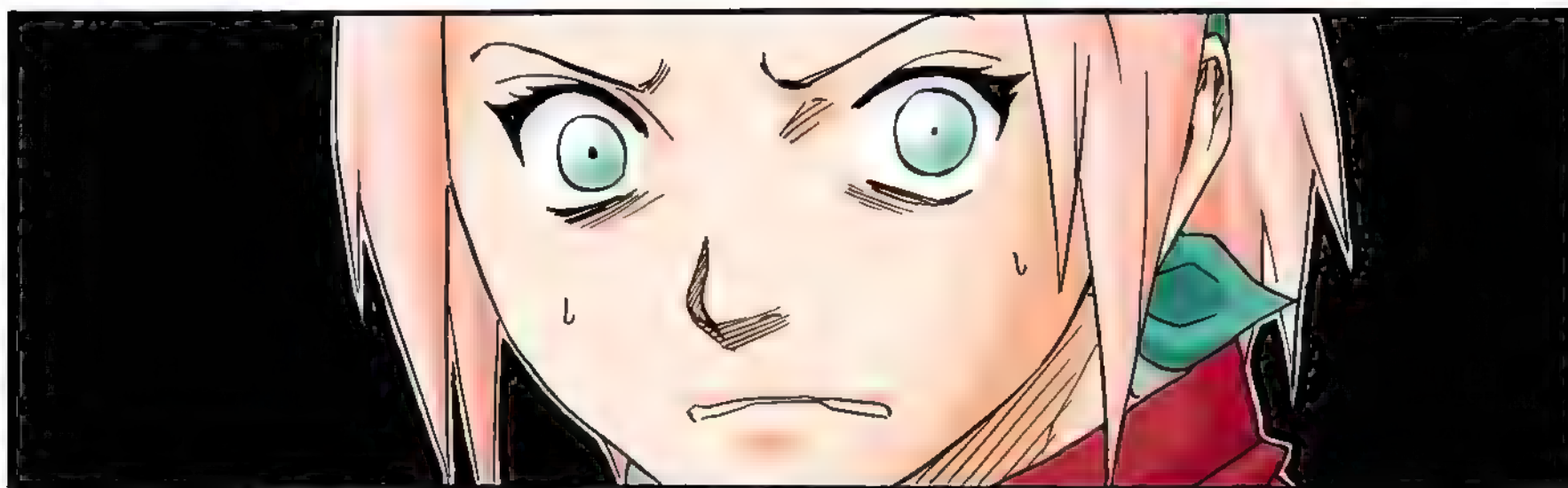
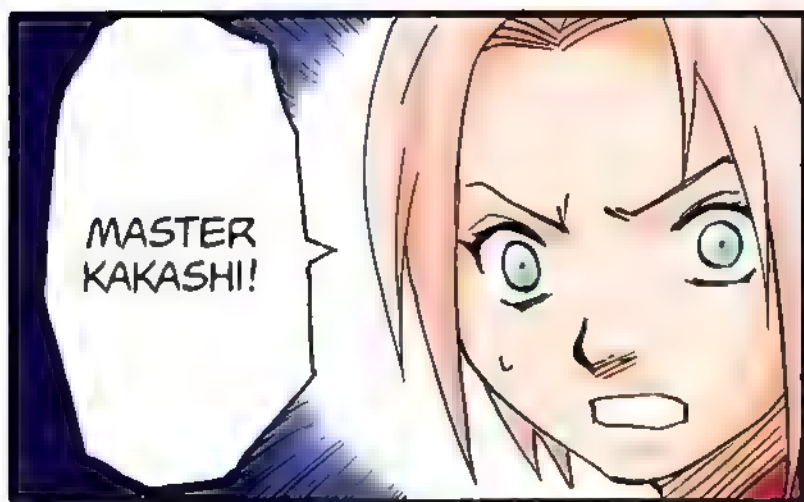


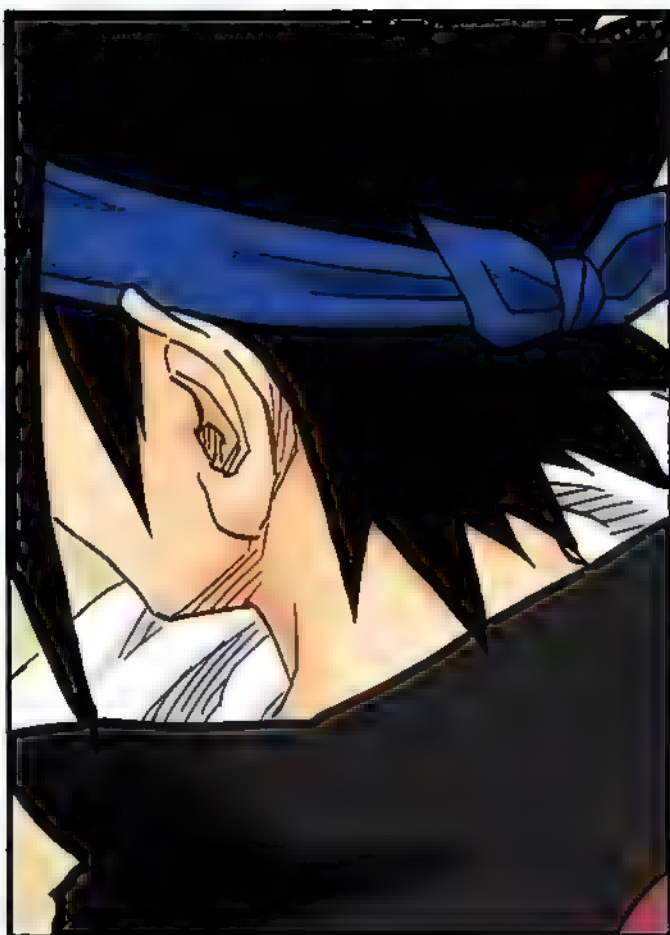
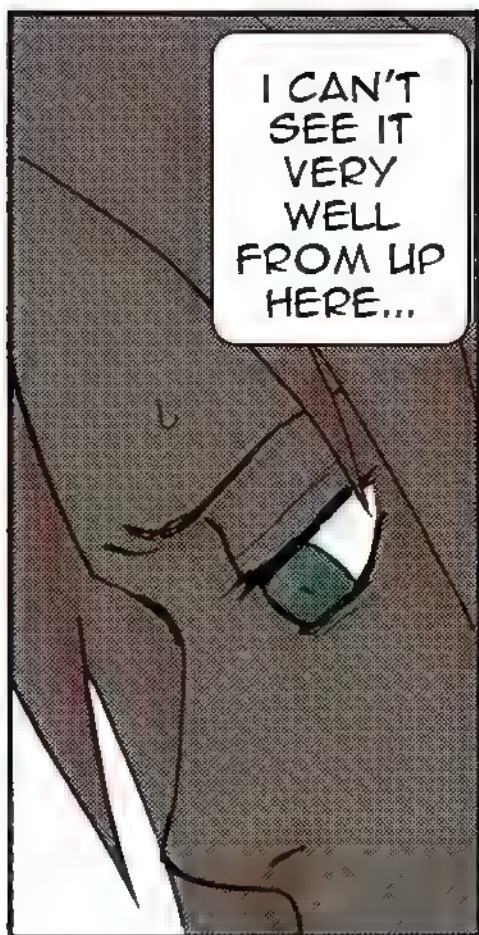
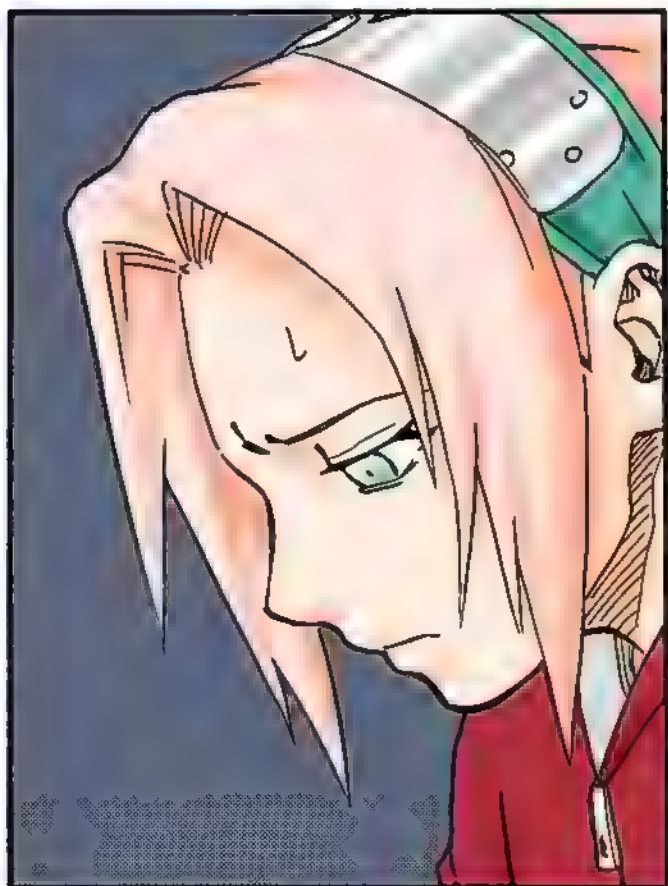
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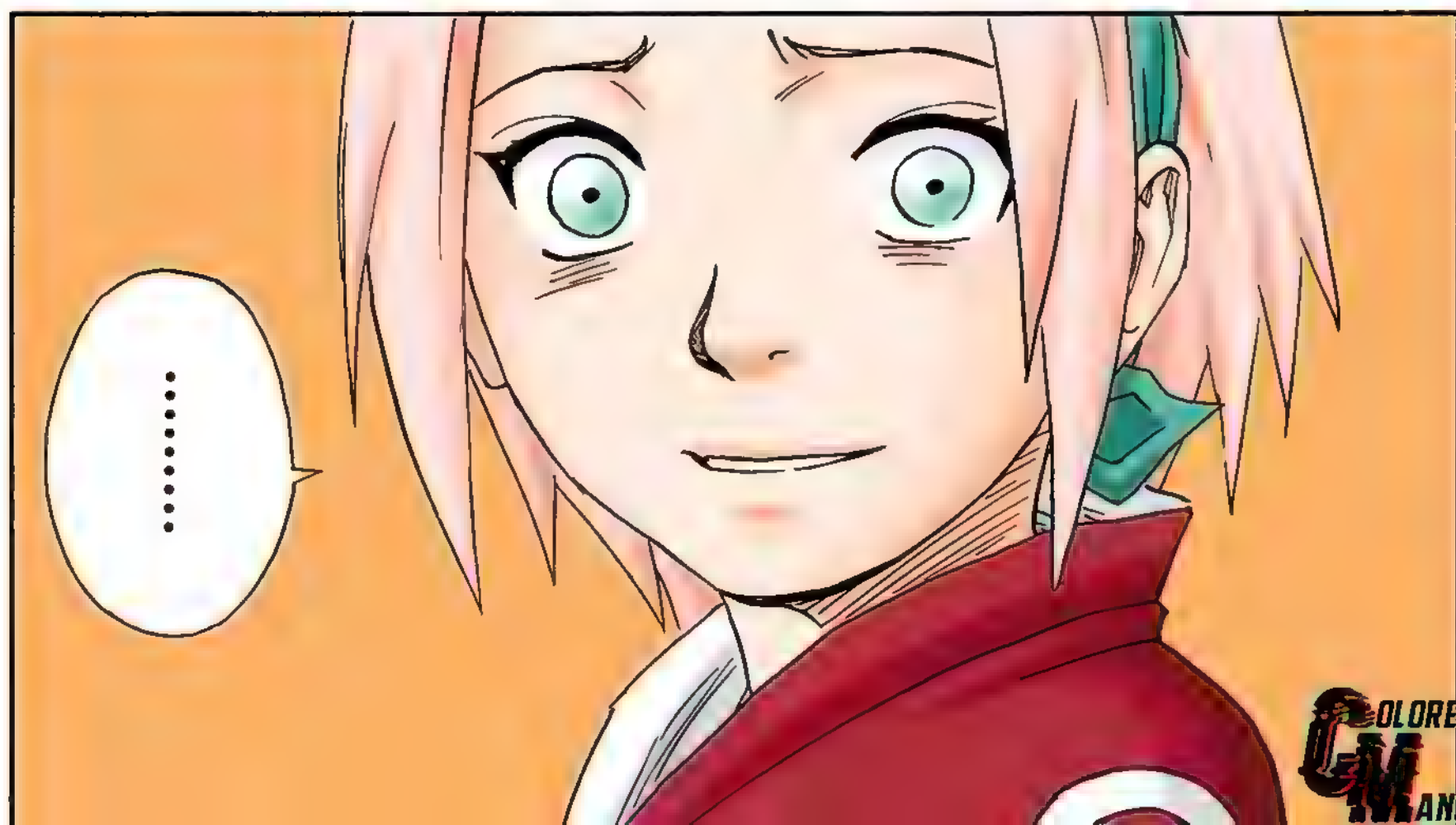
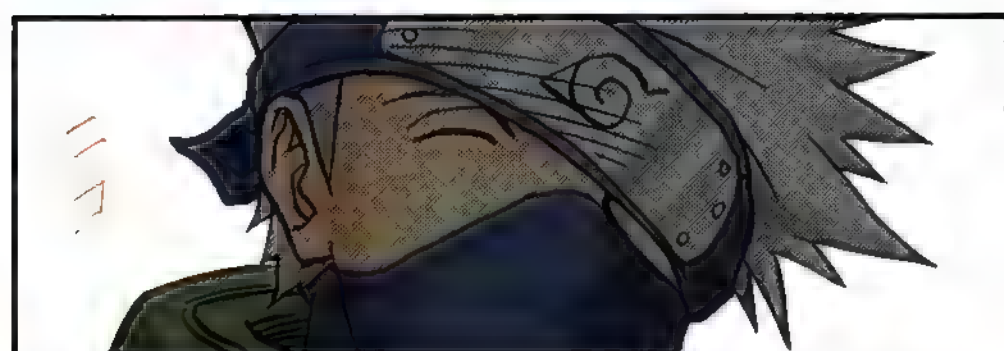
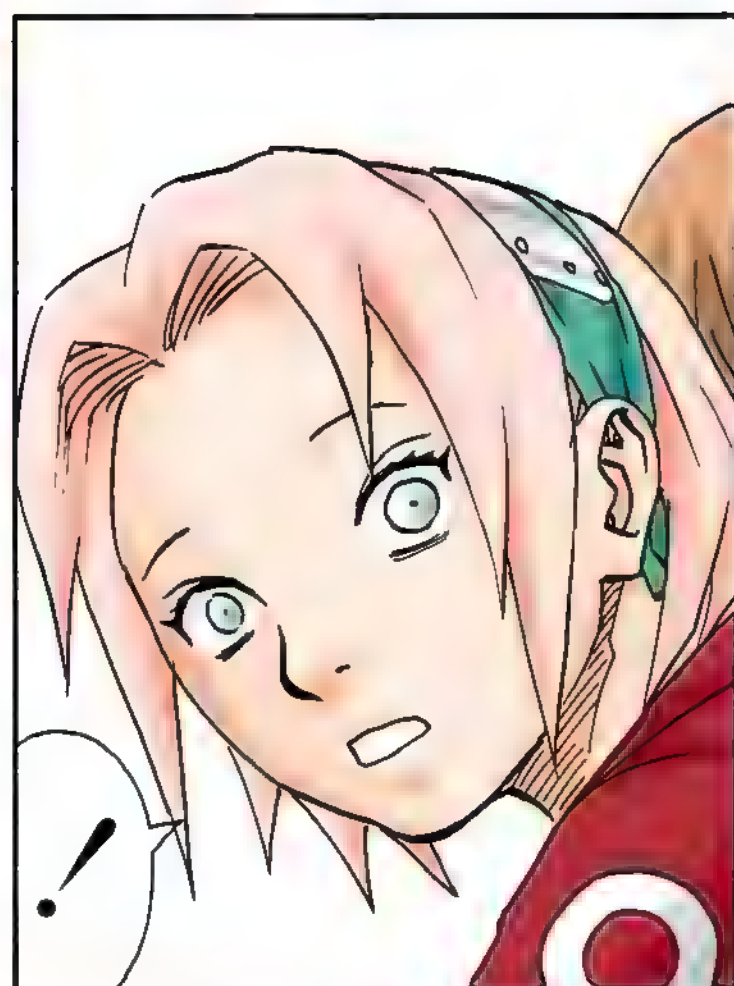
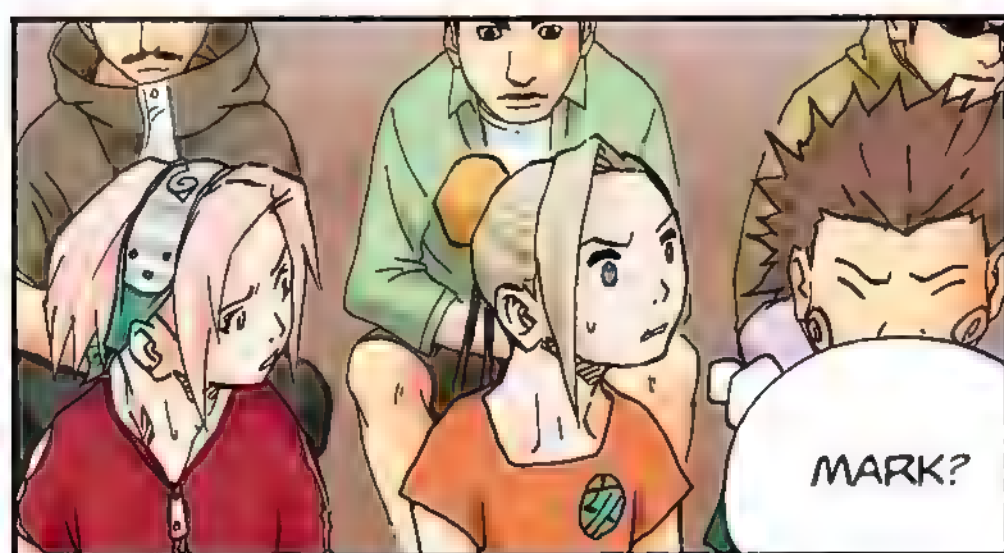
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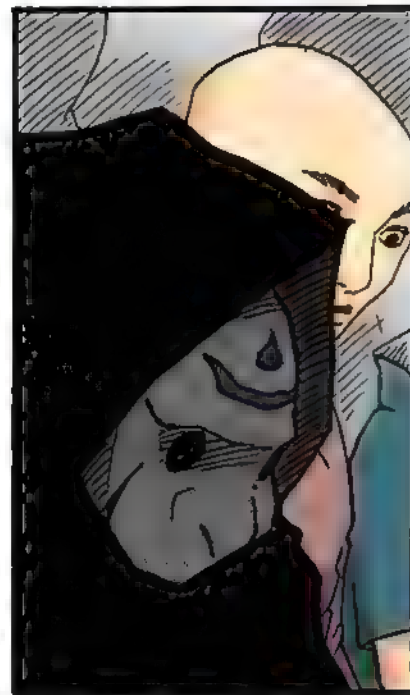
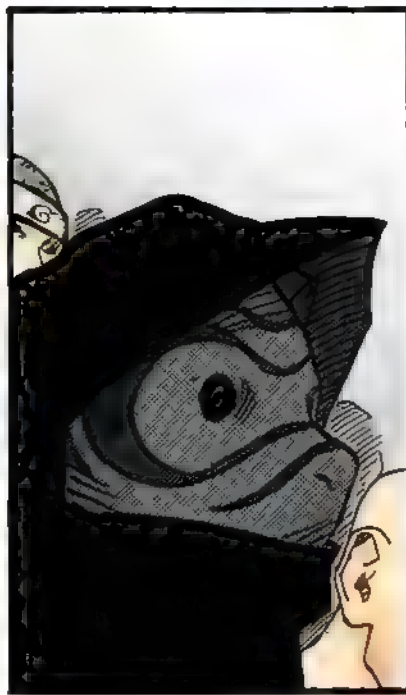
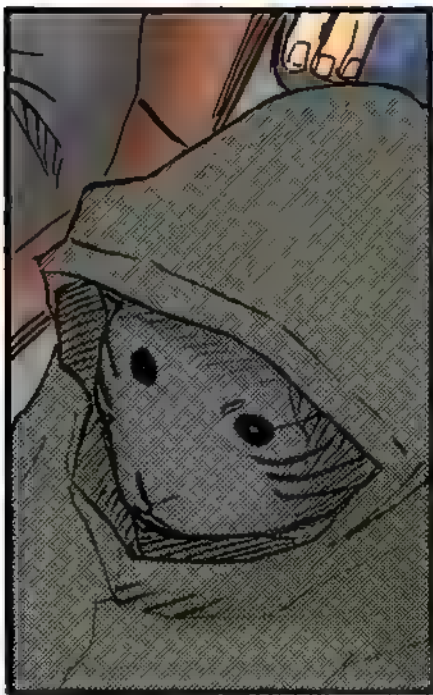








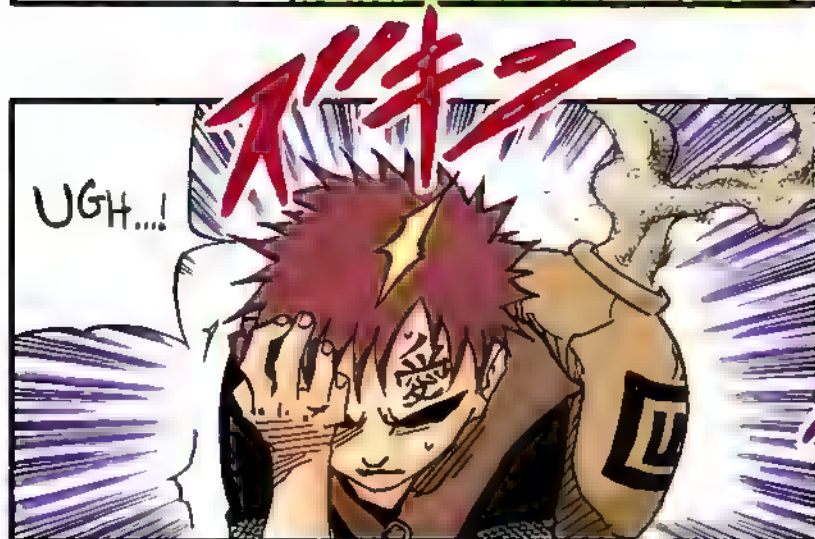
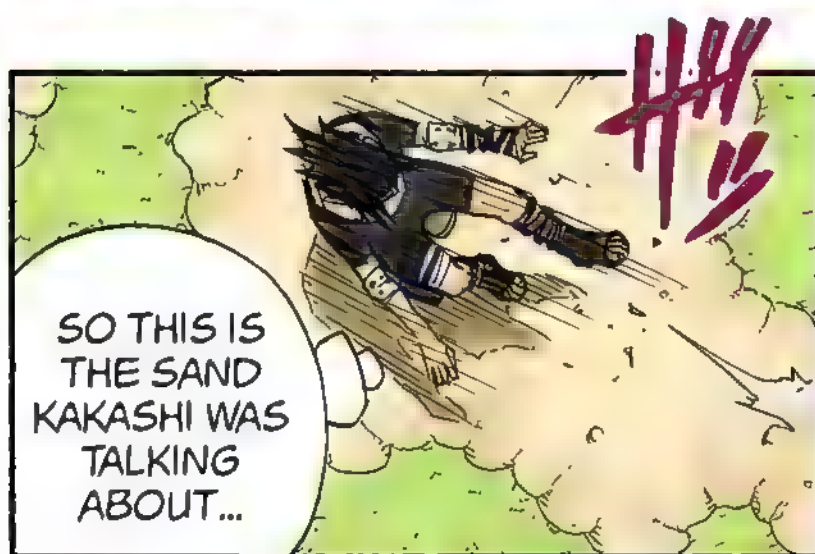




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NOT KNOWING
HOW THE
ENEMY IS
GOING TO ACT...

...THE BLACK
OPS HAVE
PROBABLY ALSO
BEEN DISPERSED
AND STATIONED
AROUND THE KEY
PARTS OF THE
VILLAGE.

ONLY EIGHT
BLACK OPS FOR
THIS HUGE
STADIUM...? TWO
PLATOONS AREN'T
ENOUGH... WHAT IS
LORD HOKAGE
THINKING...?







I'VE NEVER
SEEN GAARA
SO WORKED UP
BEFORE A
BATTLE EVEN
STARTED...

...THIS
IS NOT
GOOD.

THE
"CONVER-
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HAS
STARTED
ALREADY...

THAT'S
HOW MUCH
OF AN
OPPONENT
SASUKE
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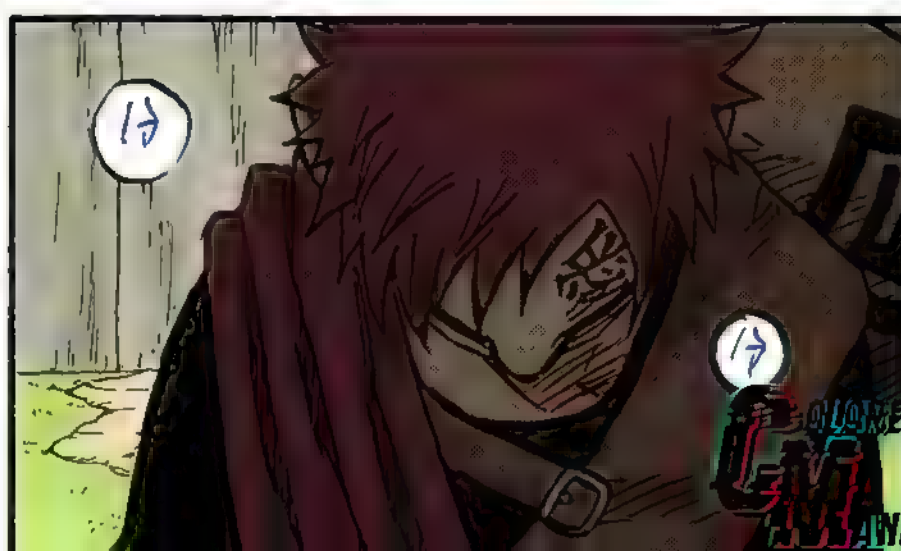
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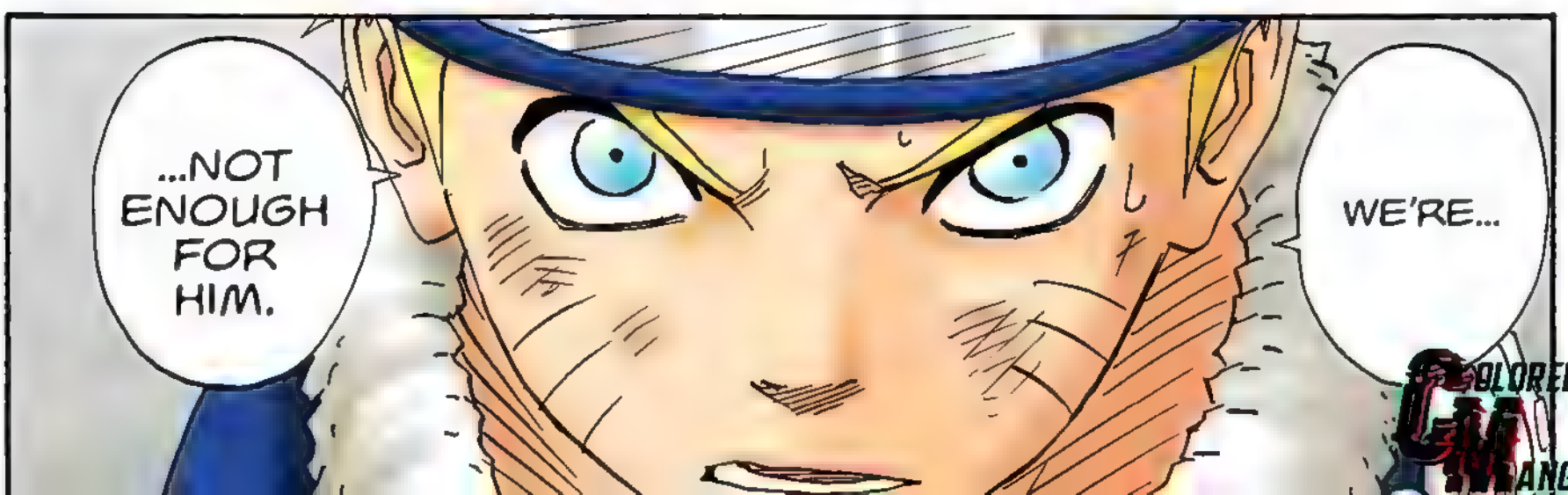
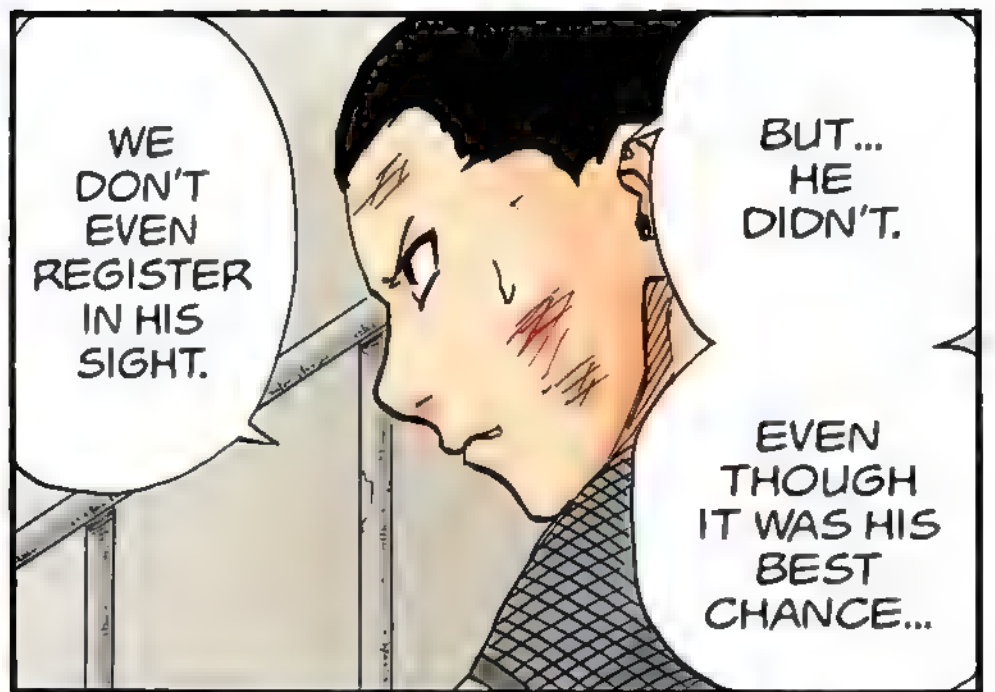
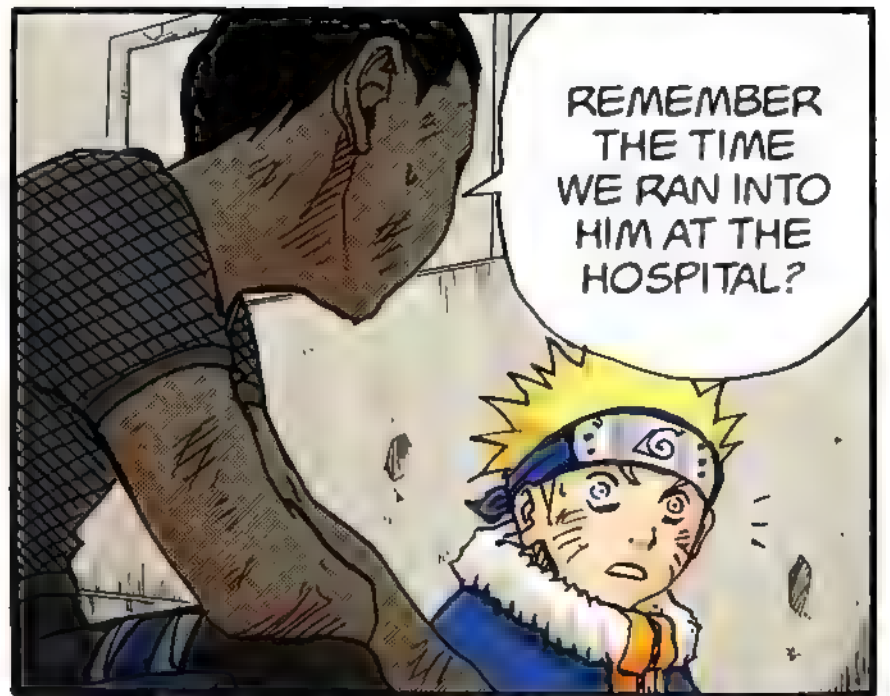
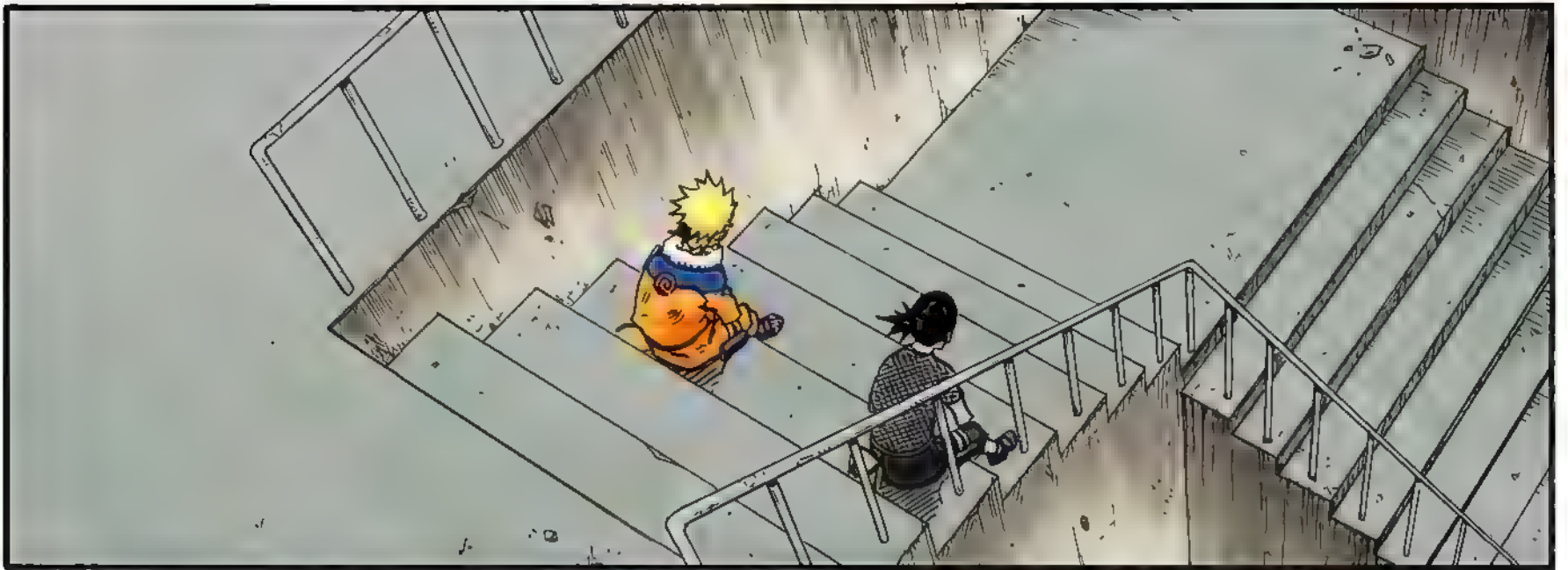


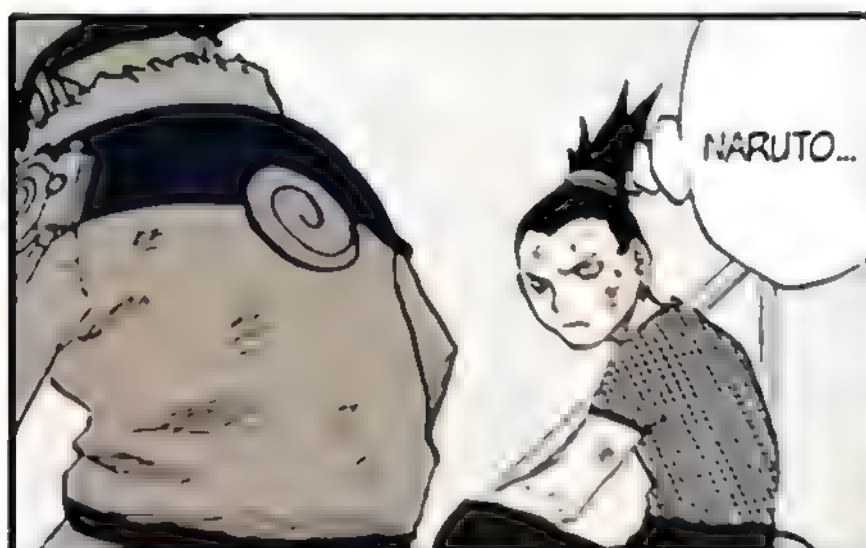
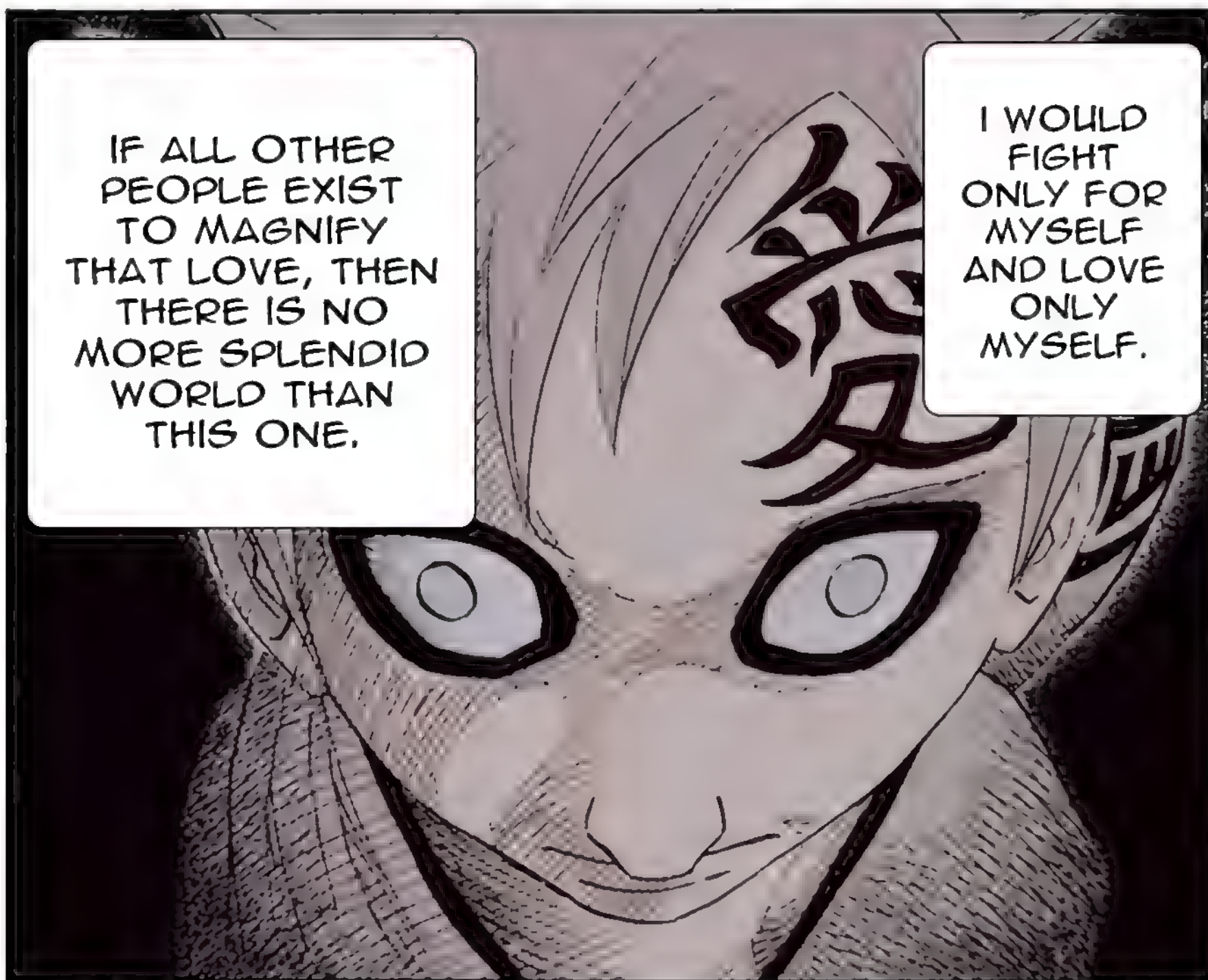
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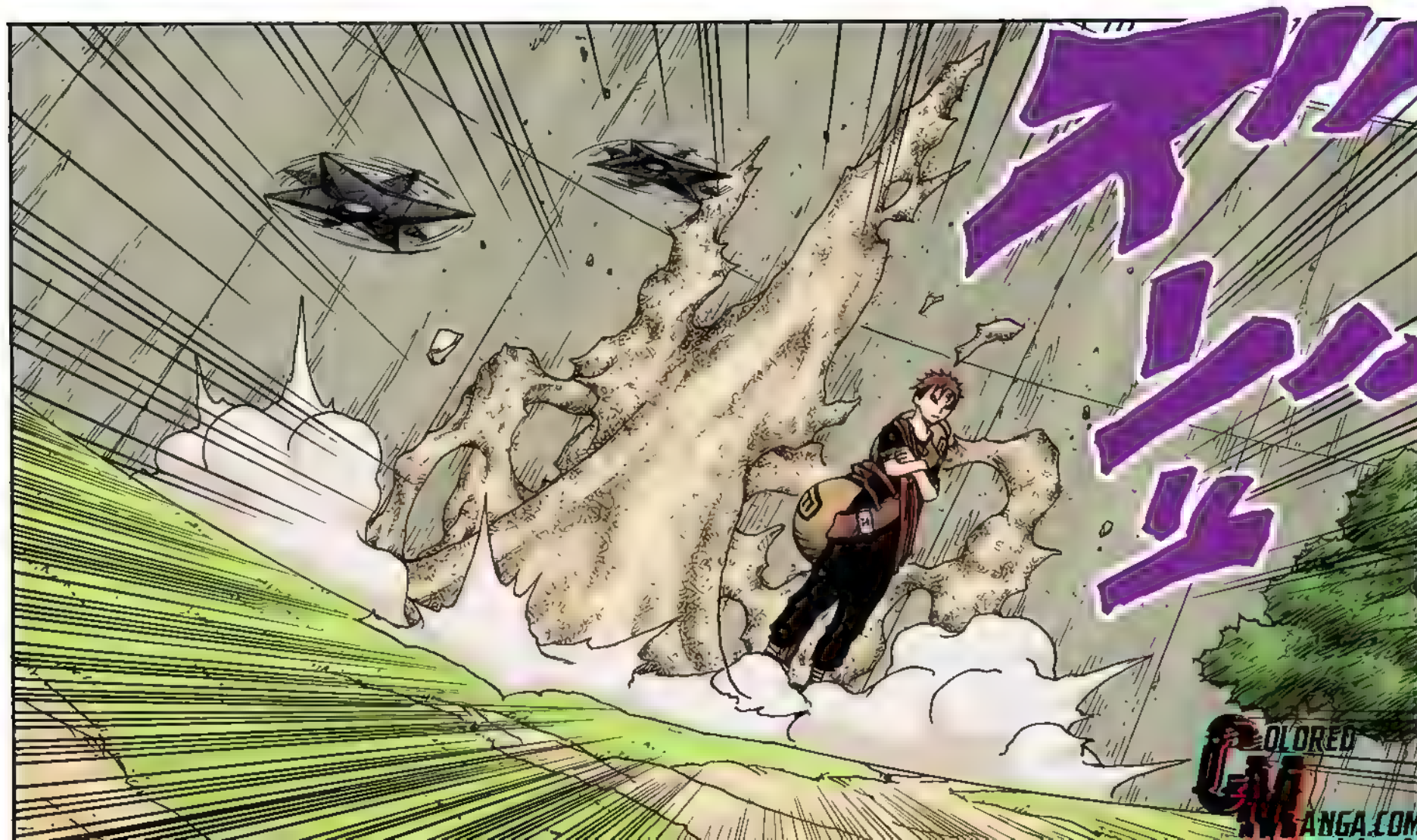
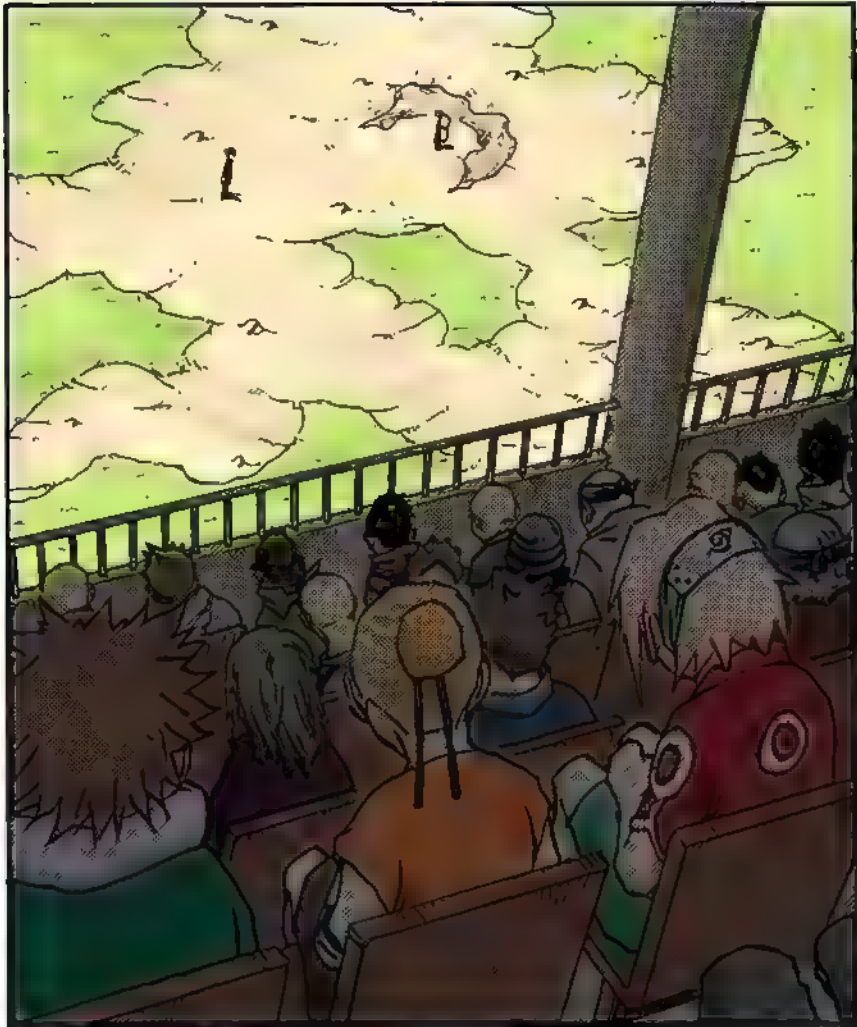
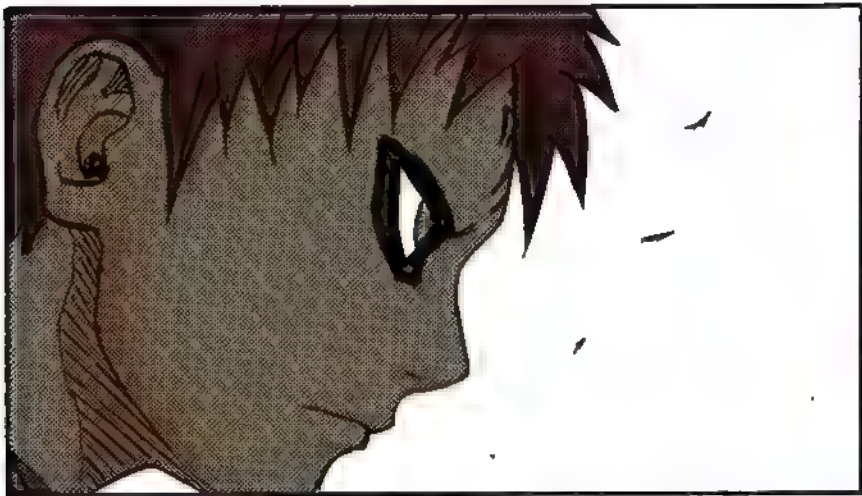


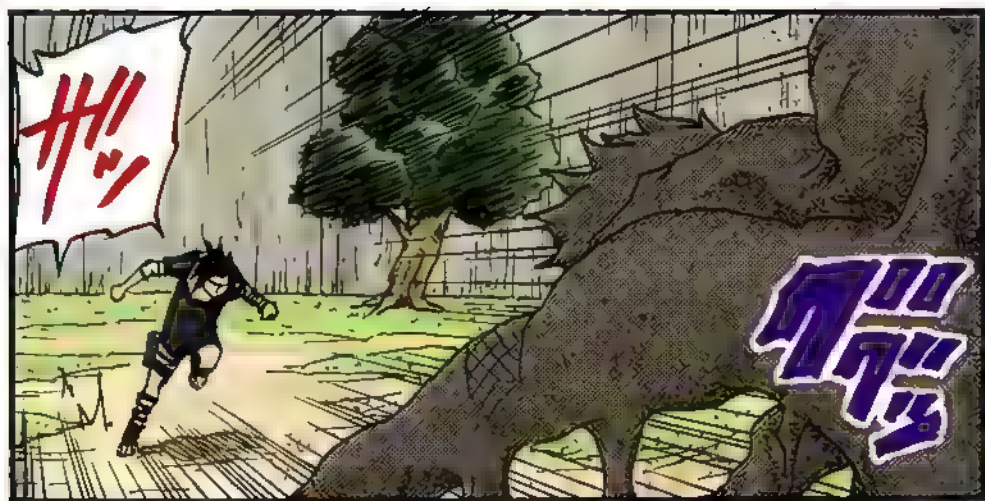
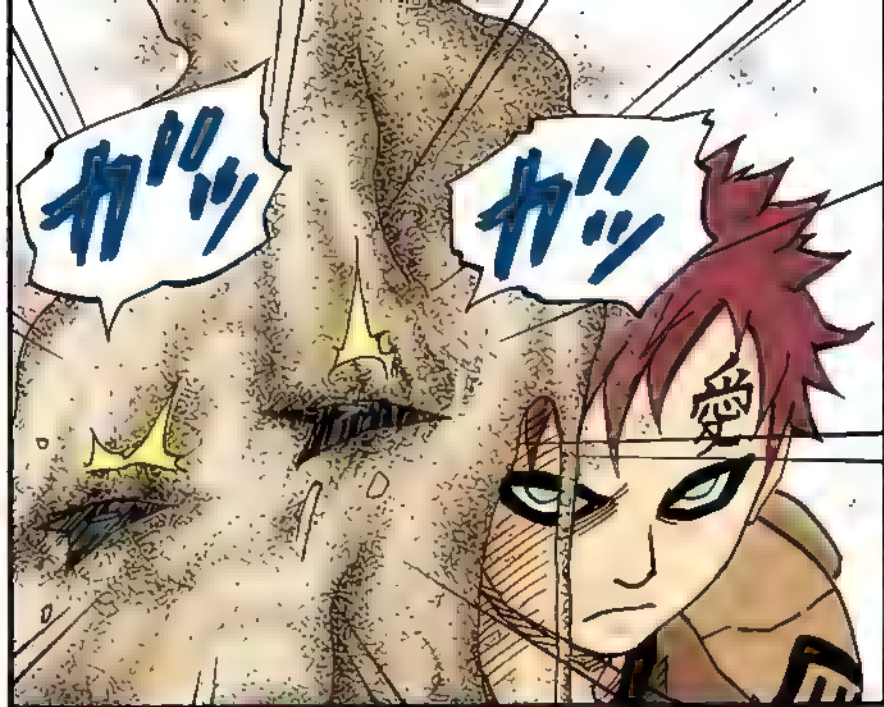
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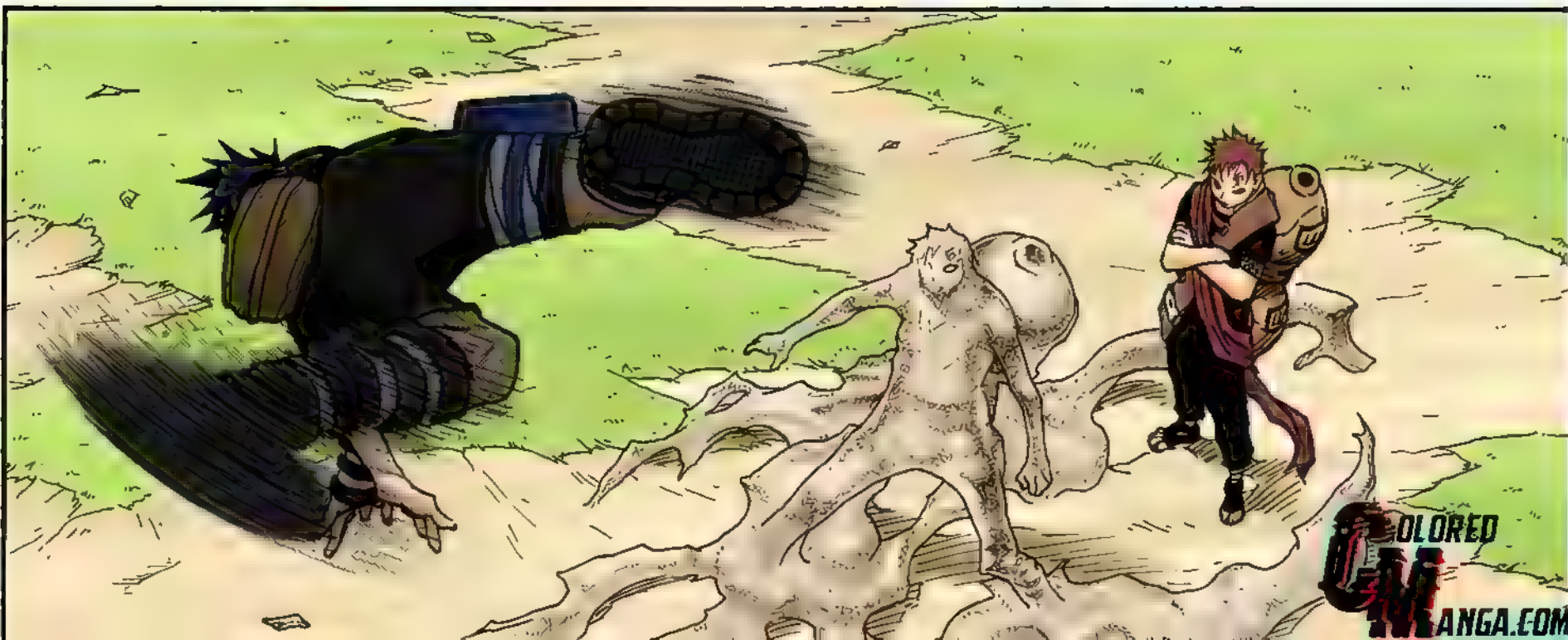
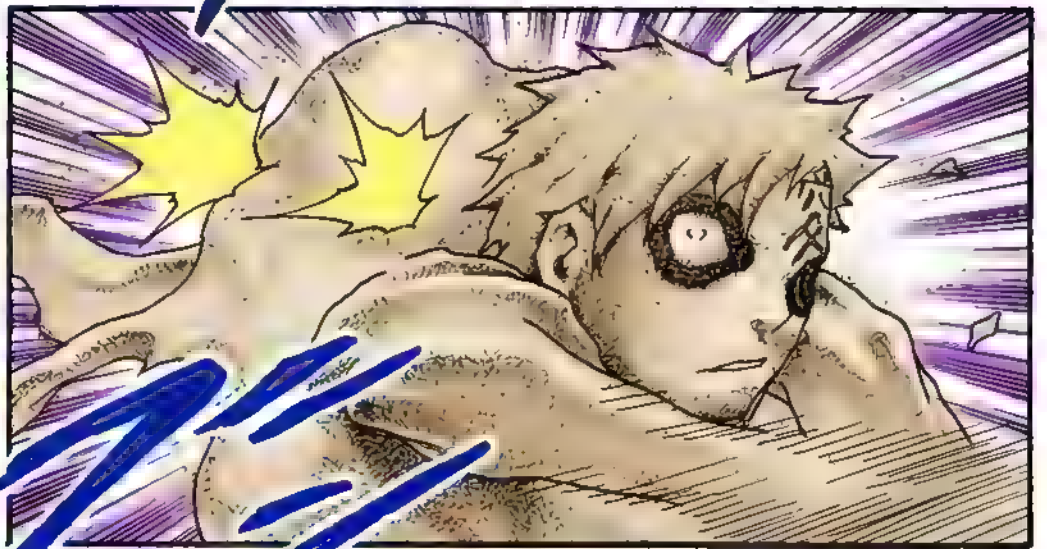
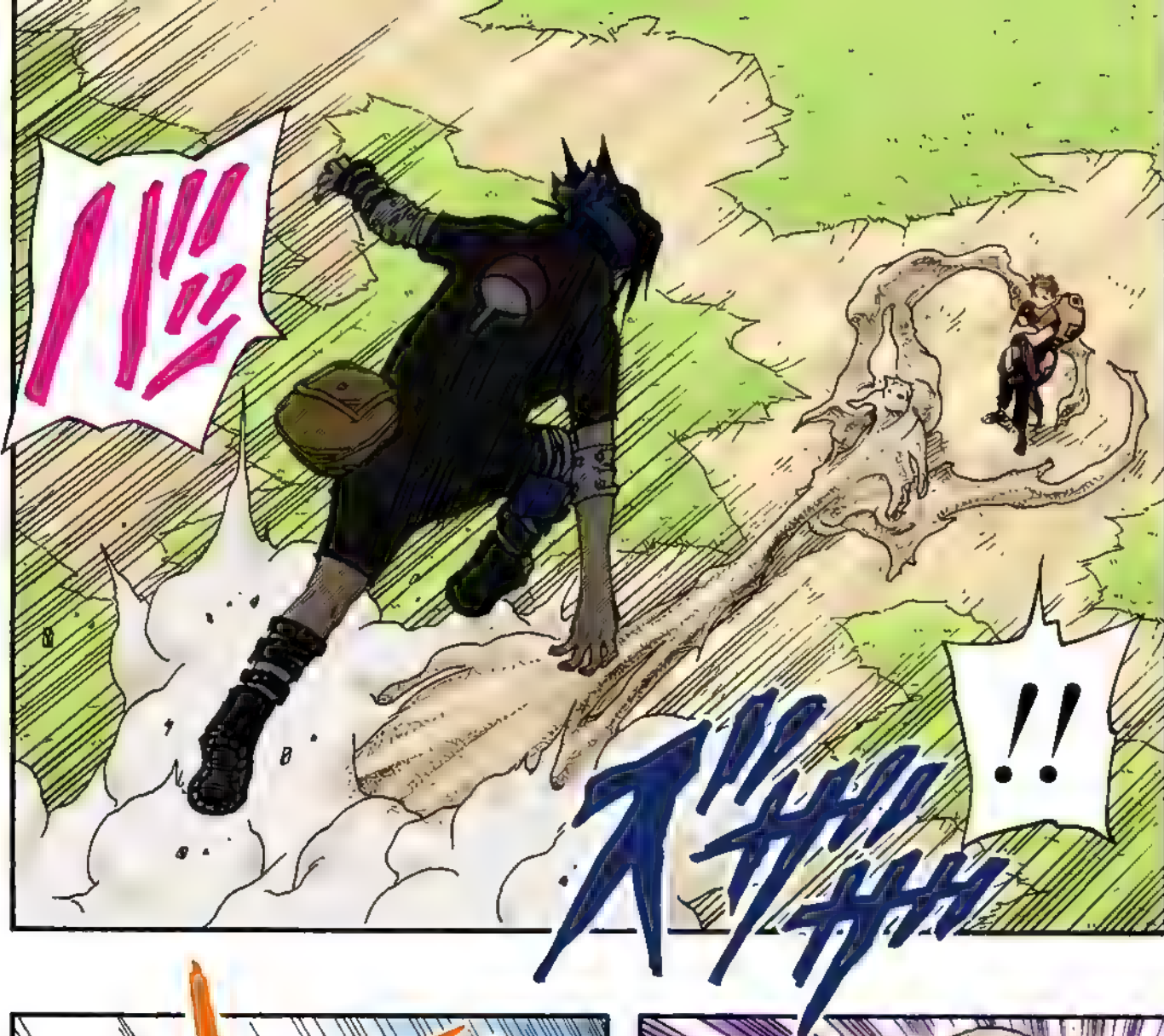
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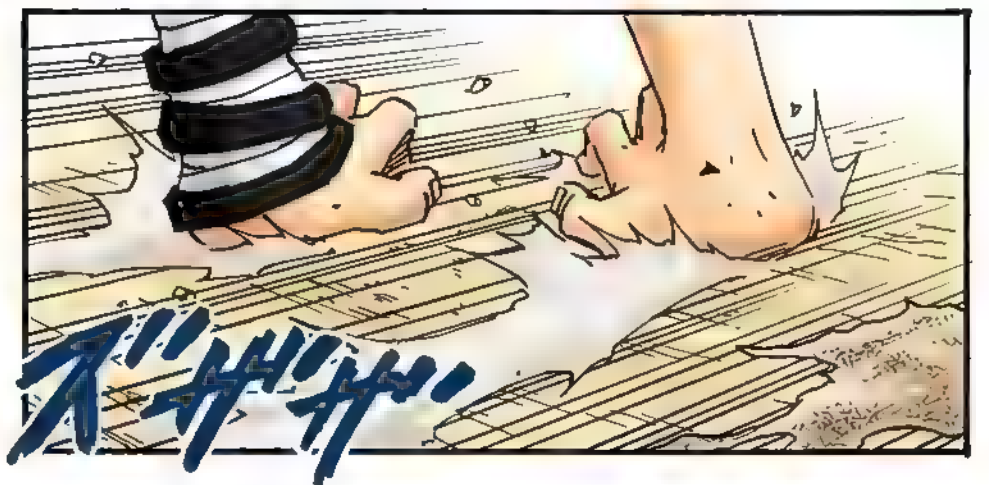
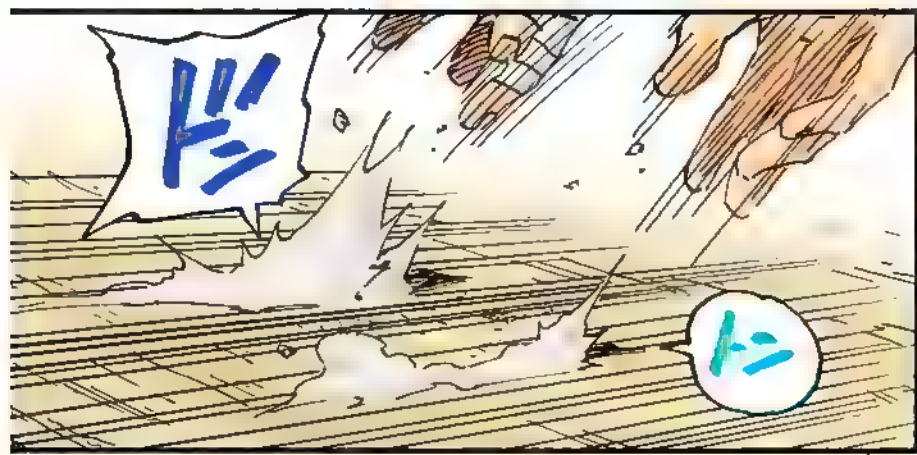


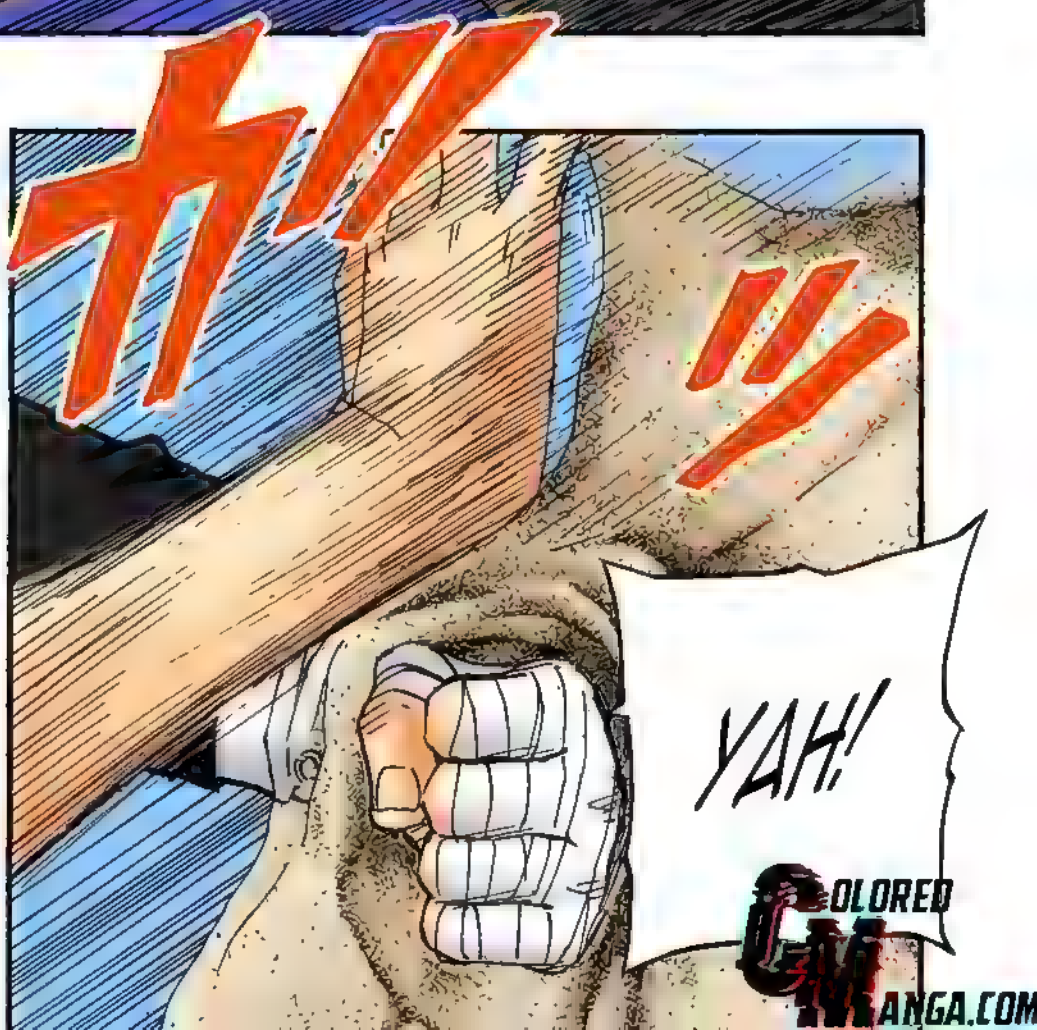
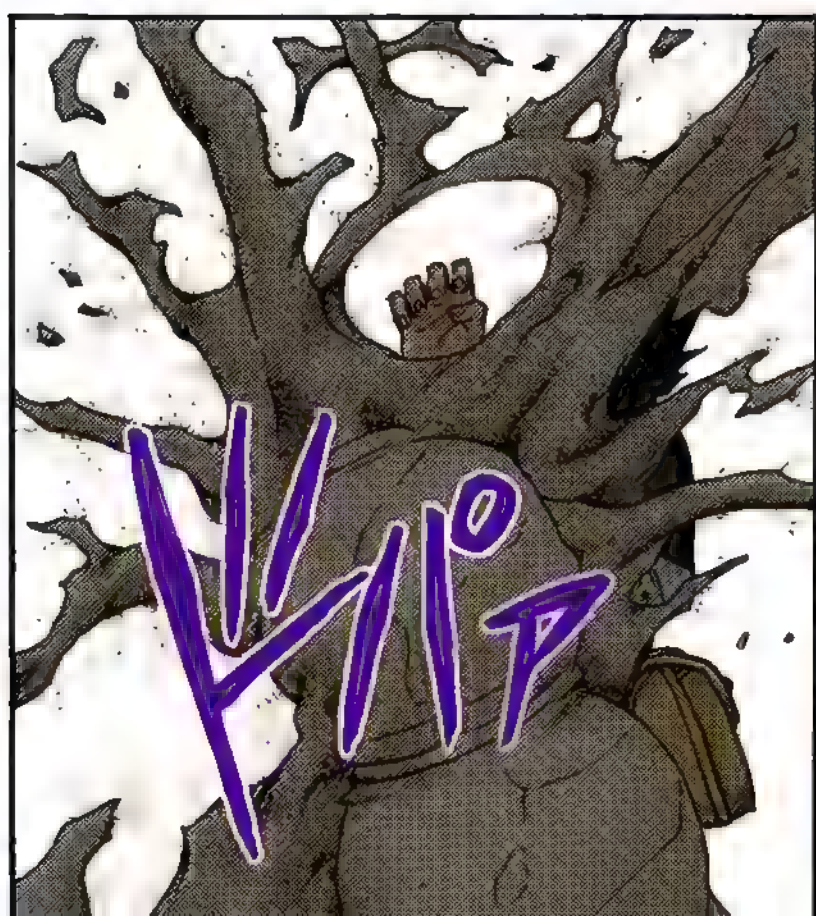
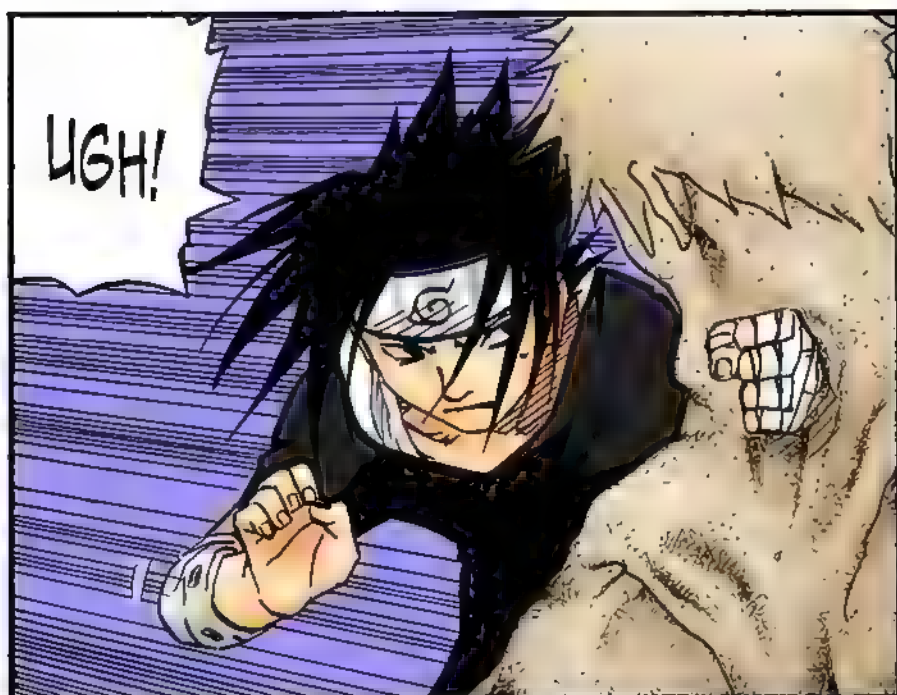
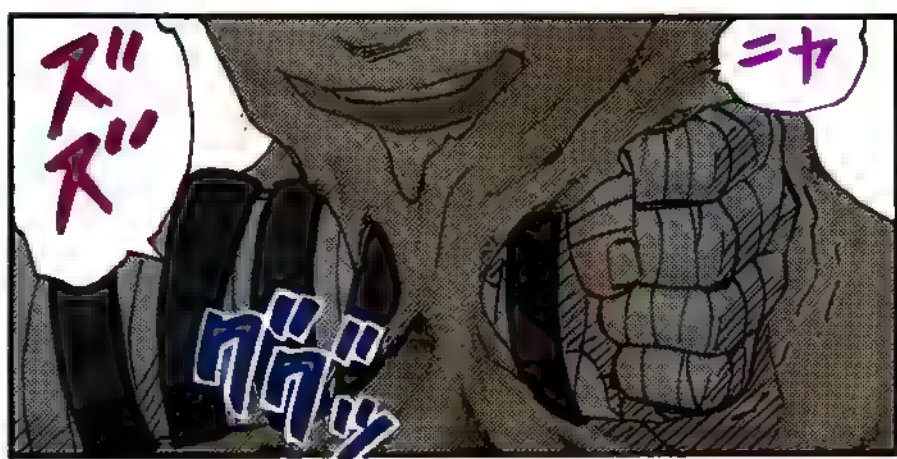


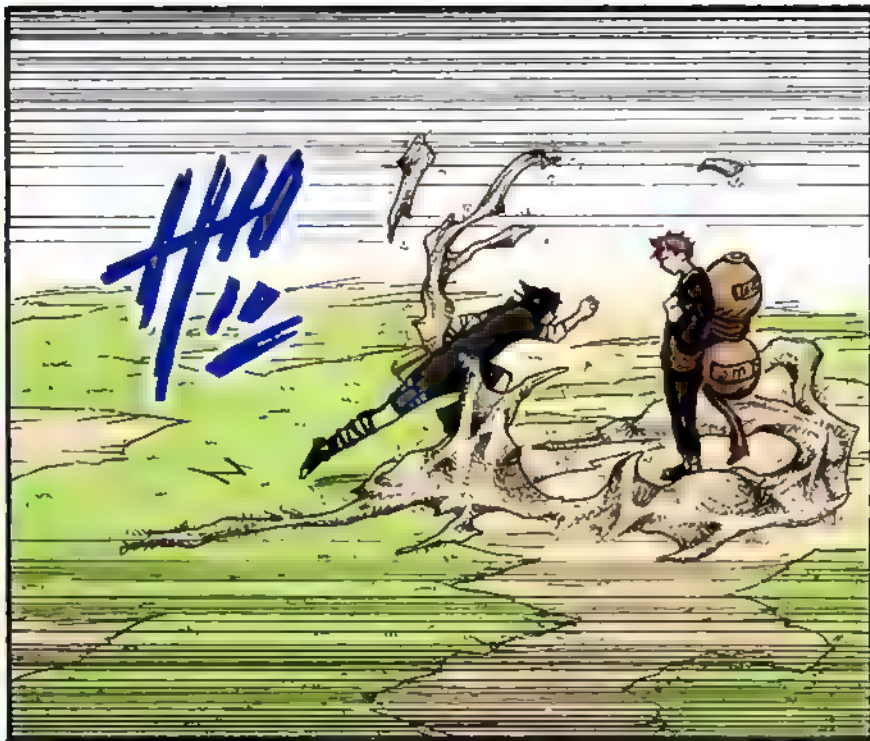
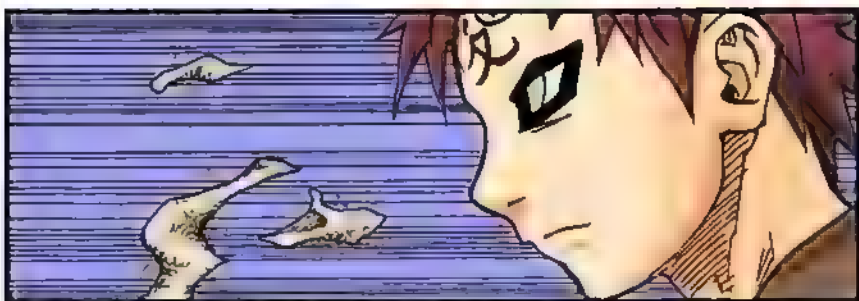


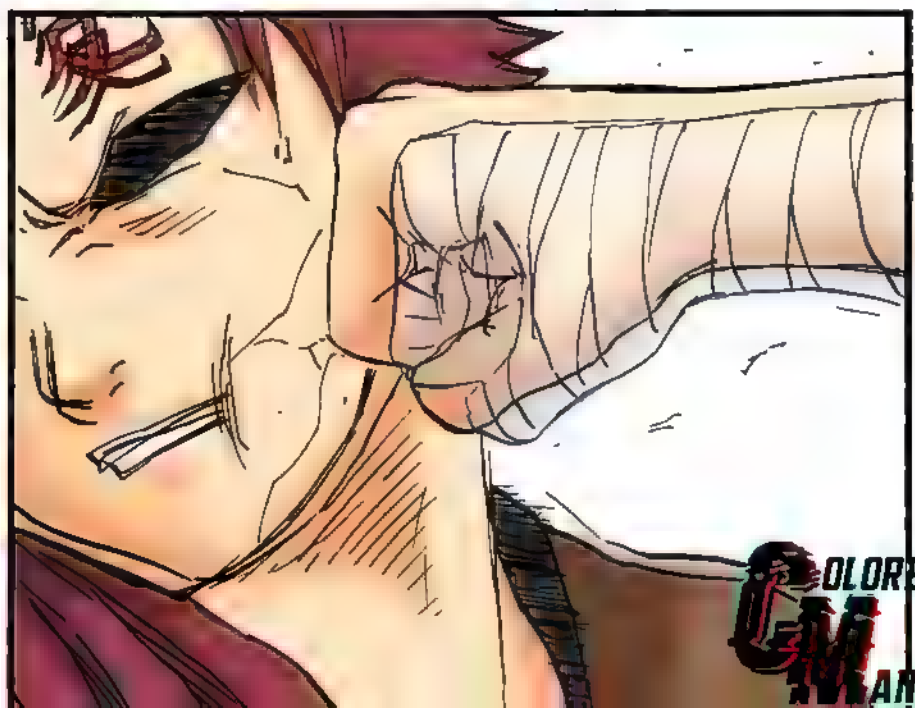
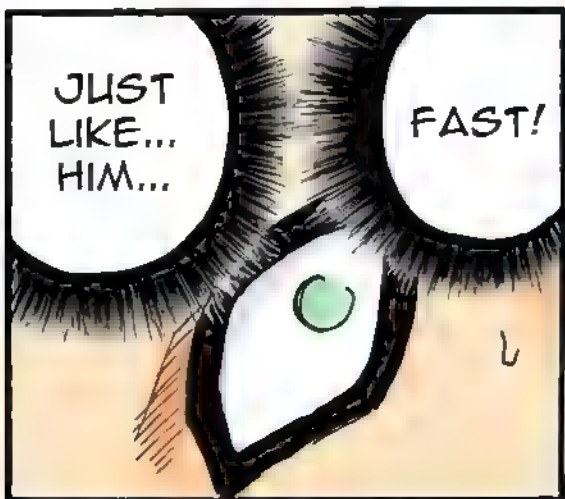
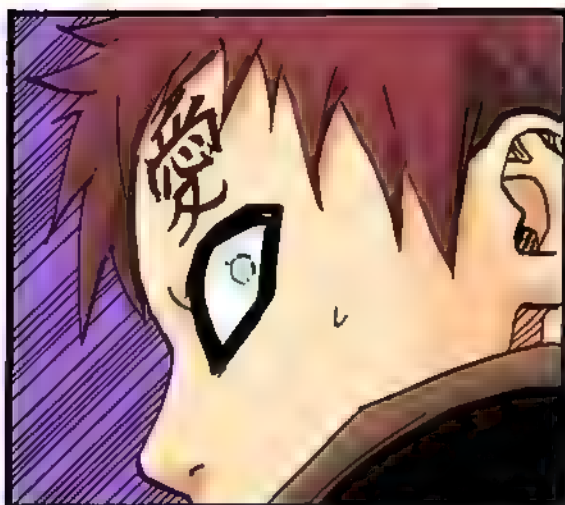


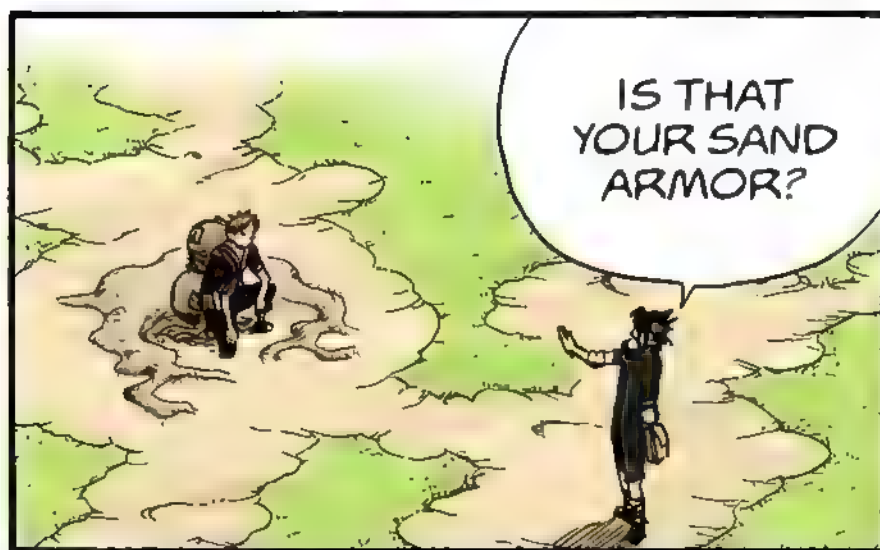
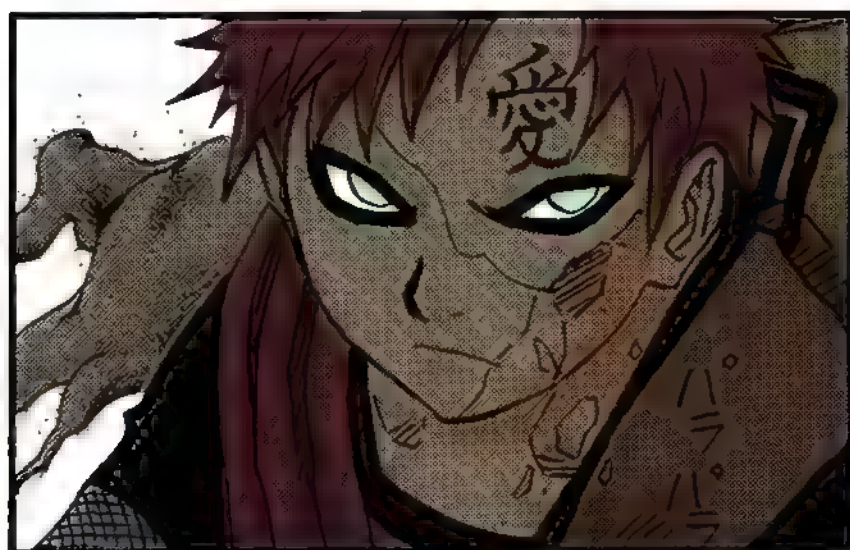
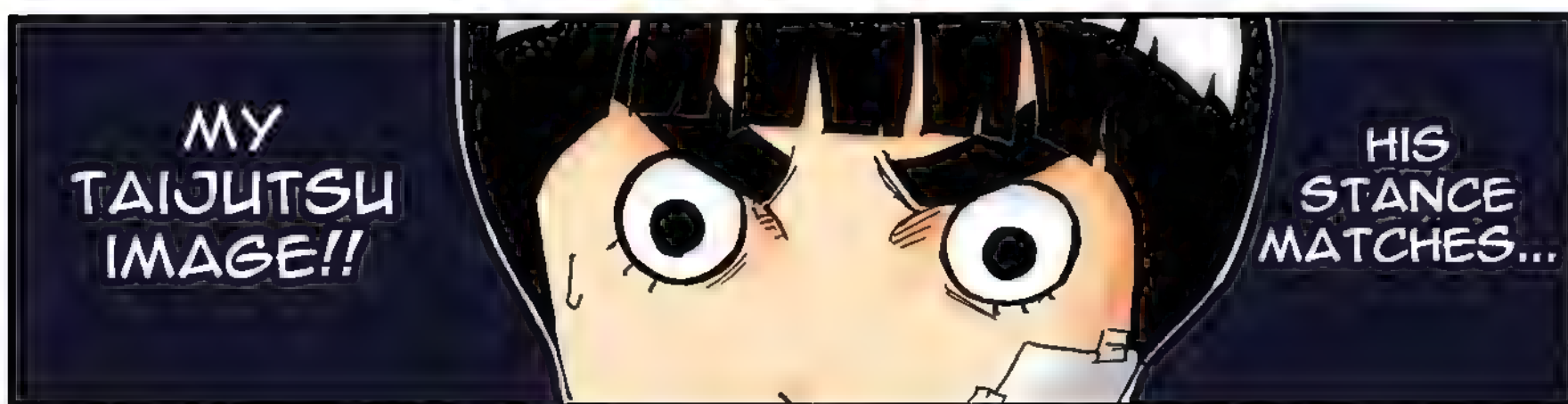
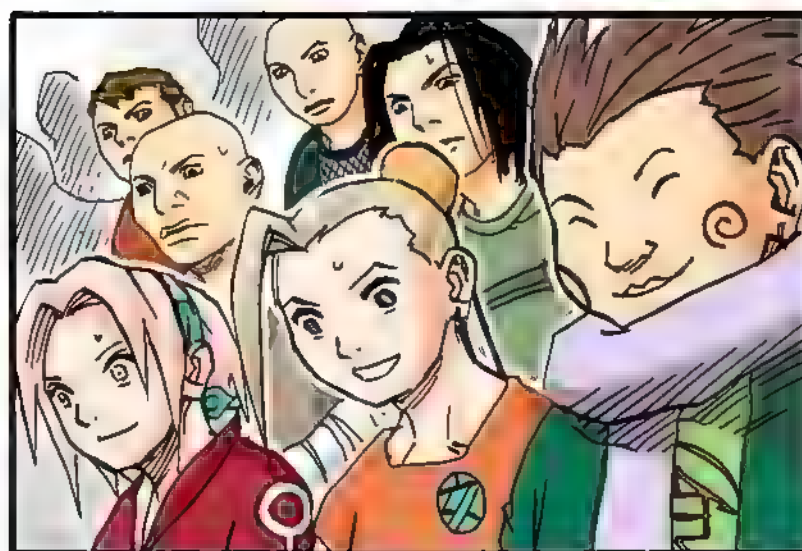
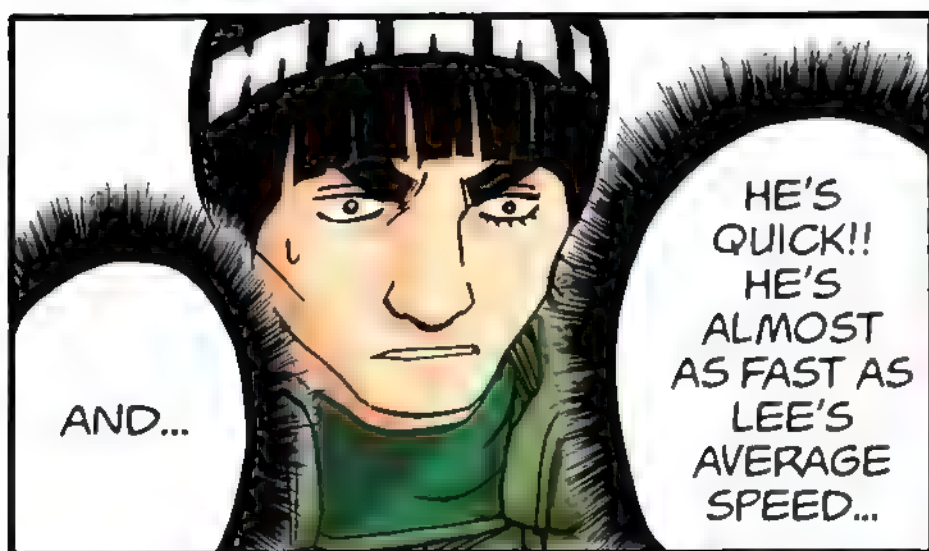










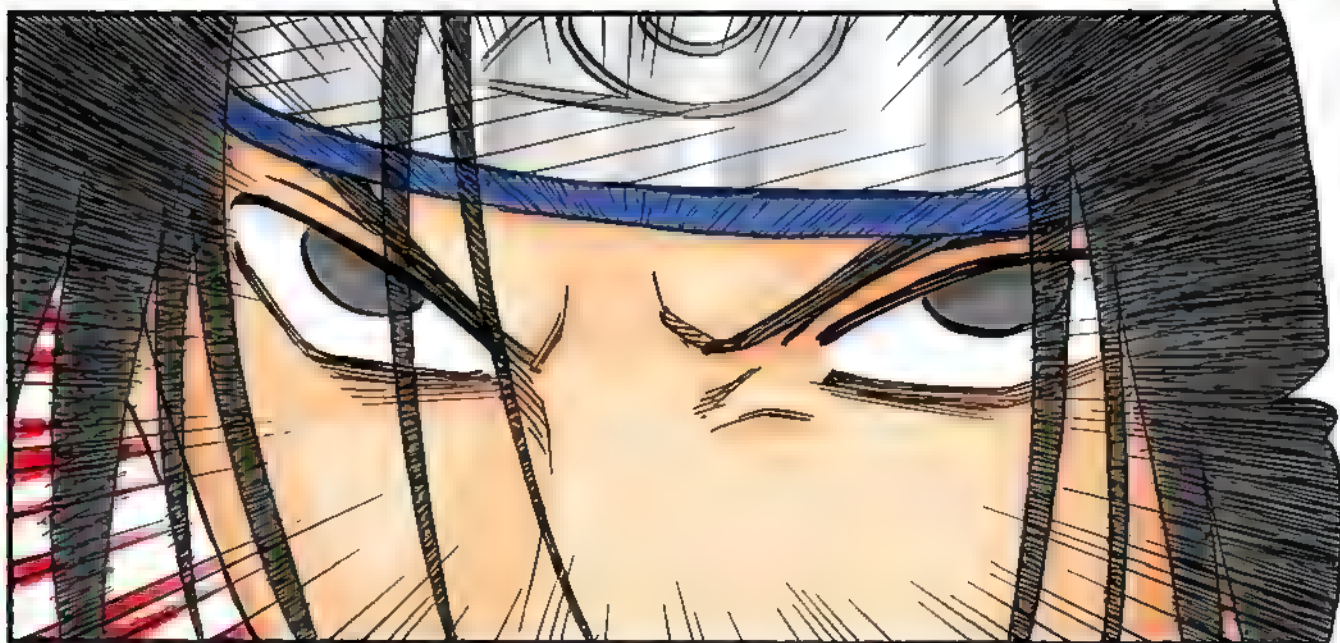
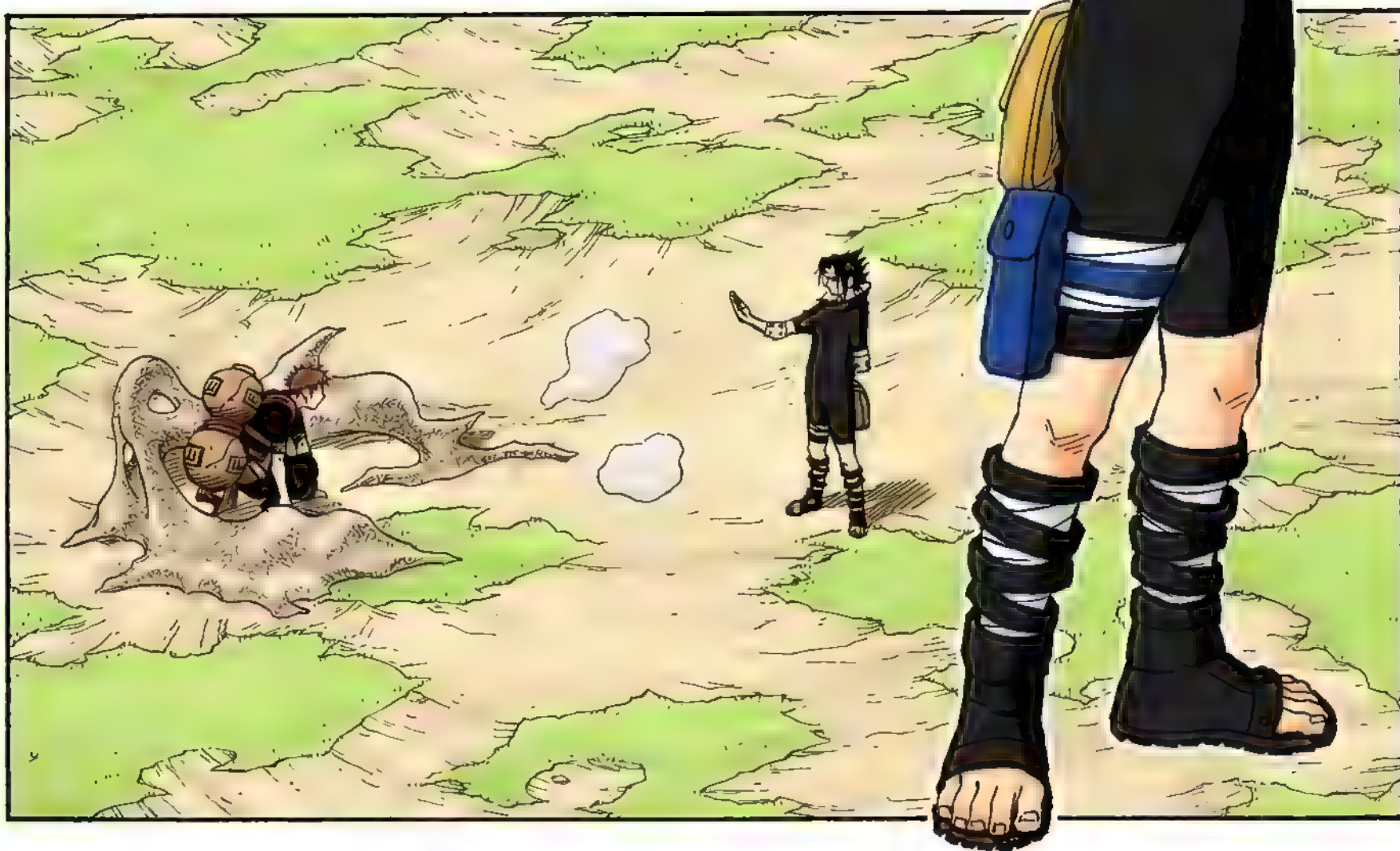
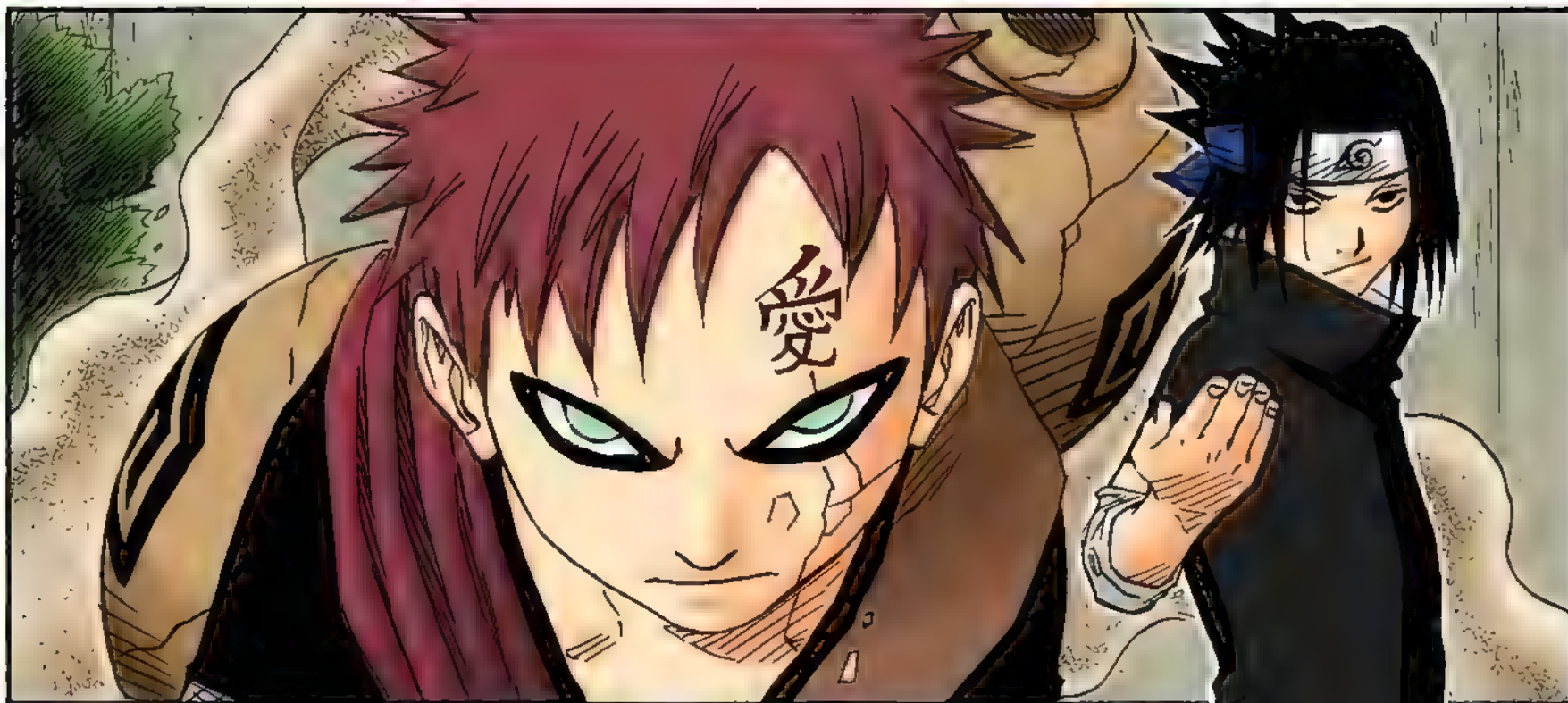


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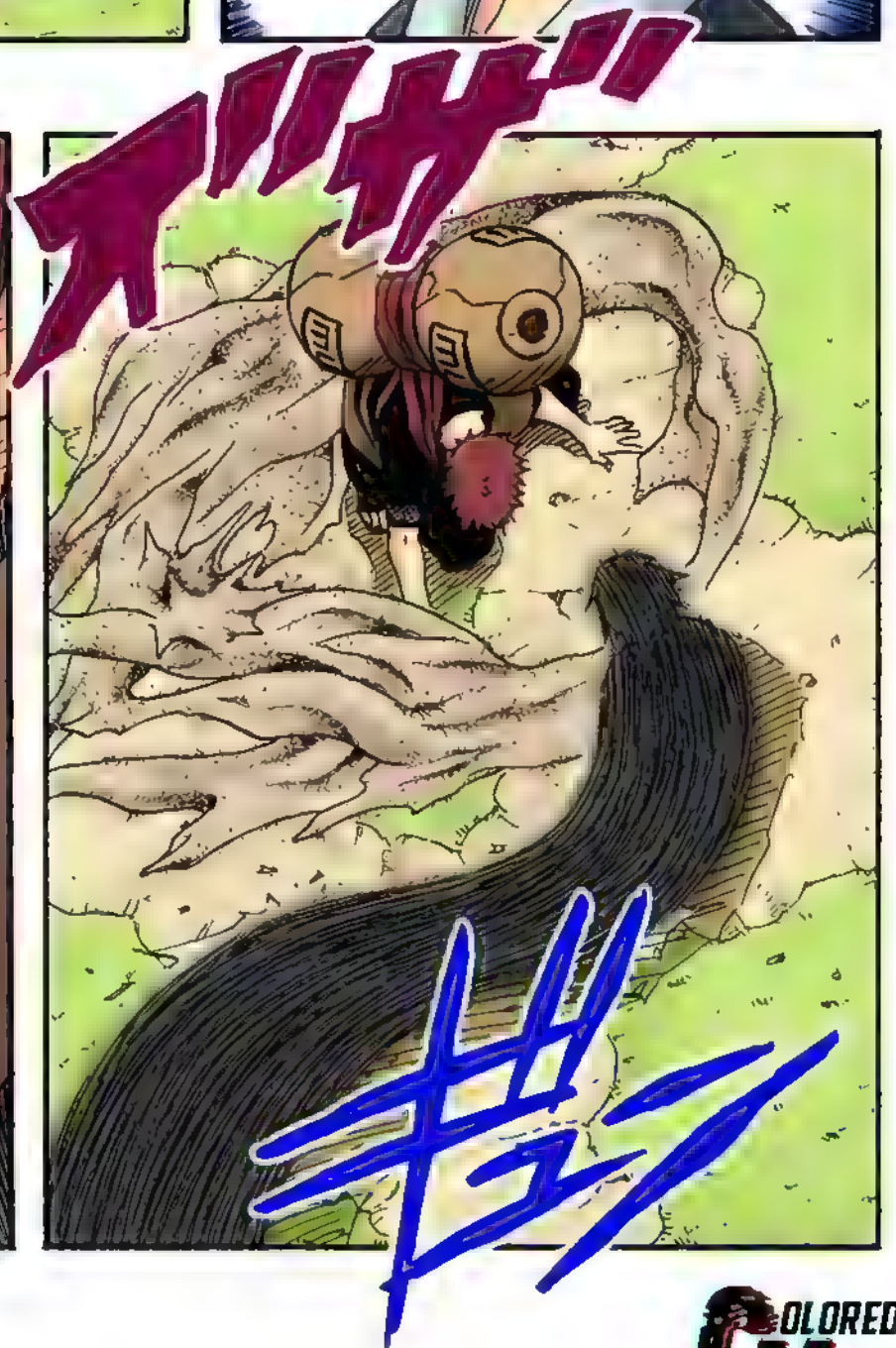
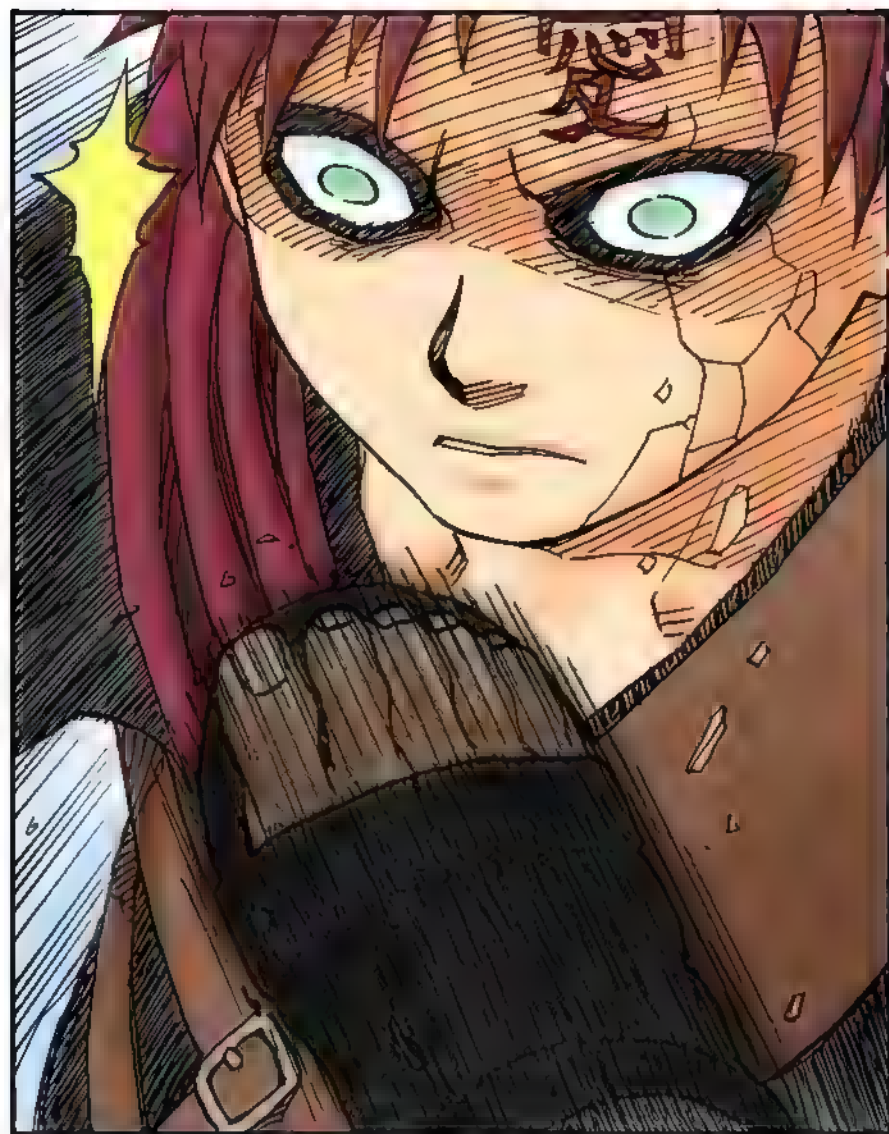
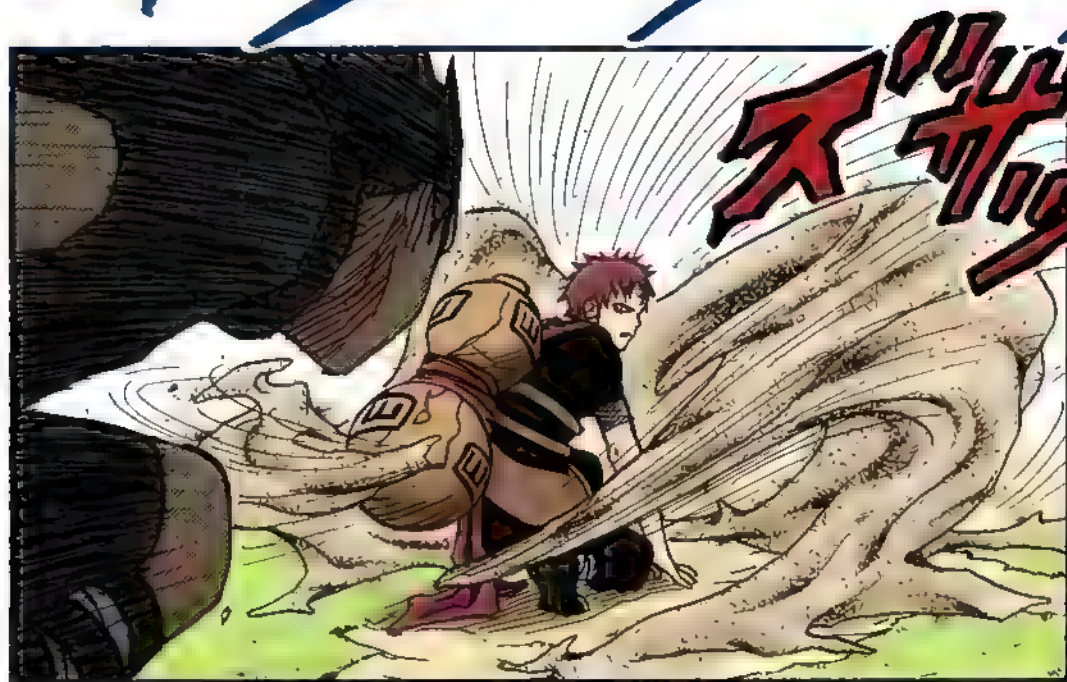
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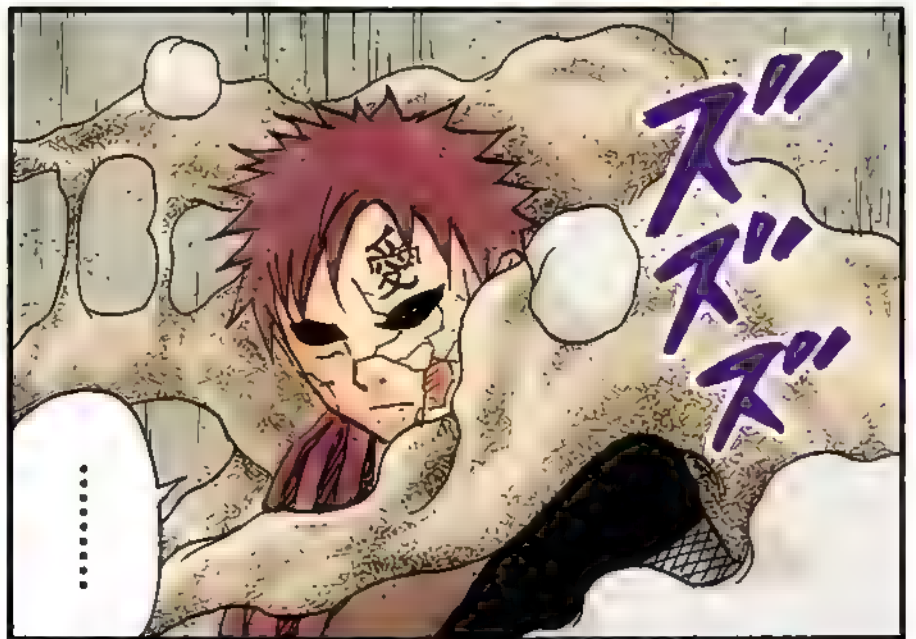
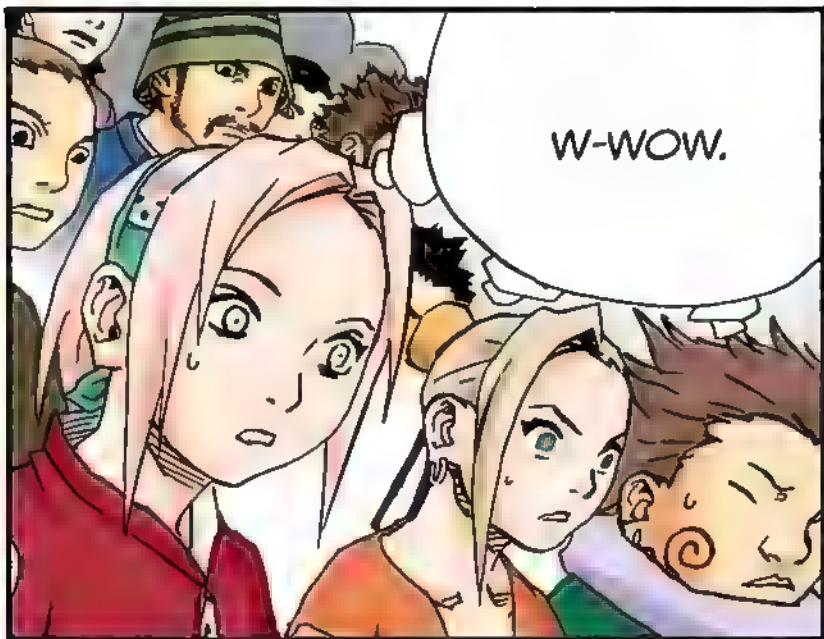
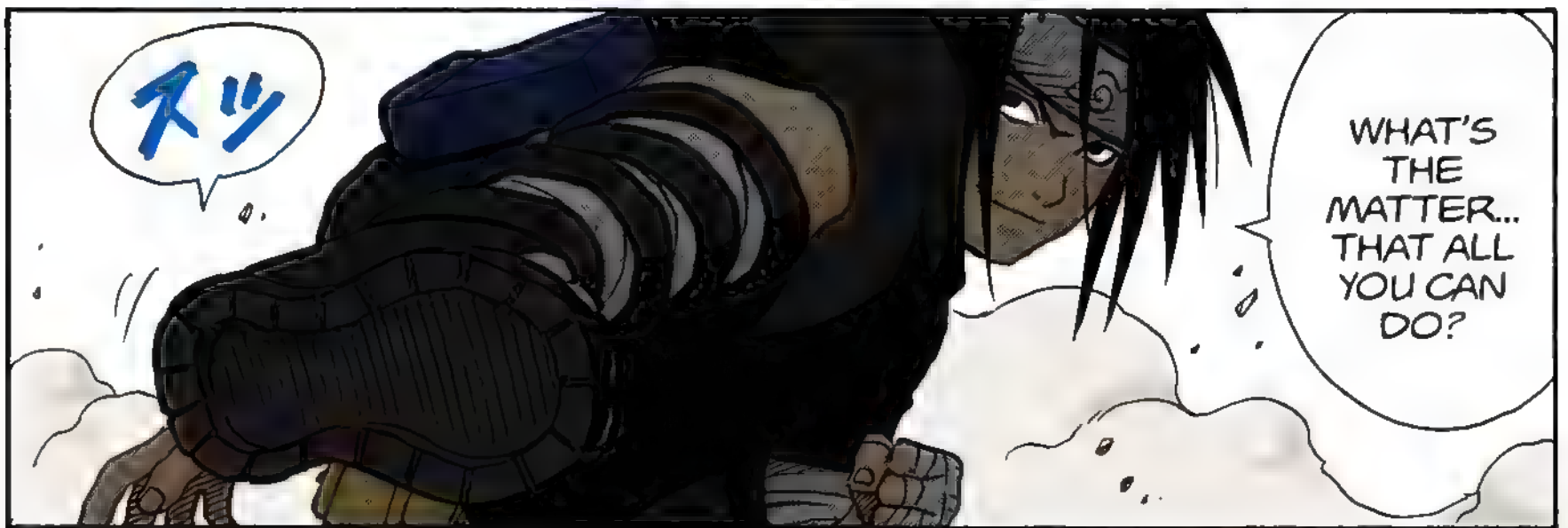
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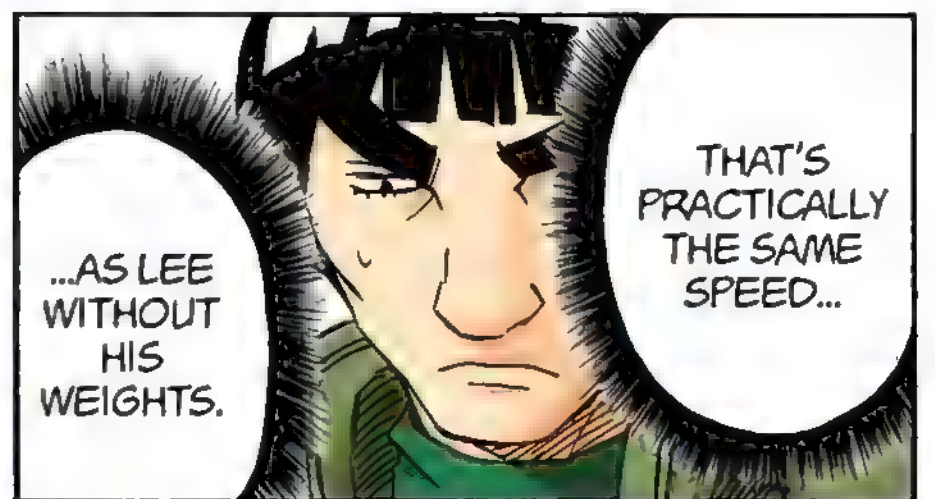
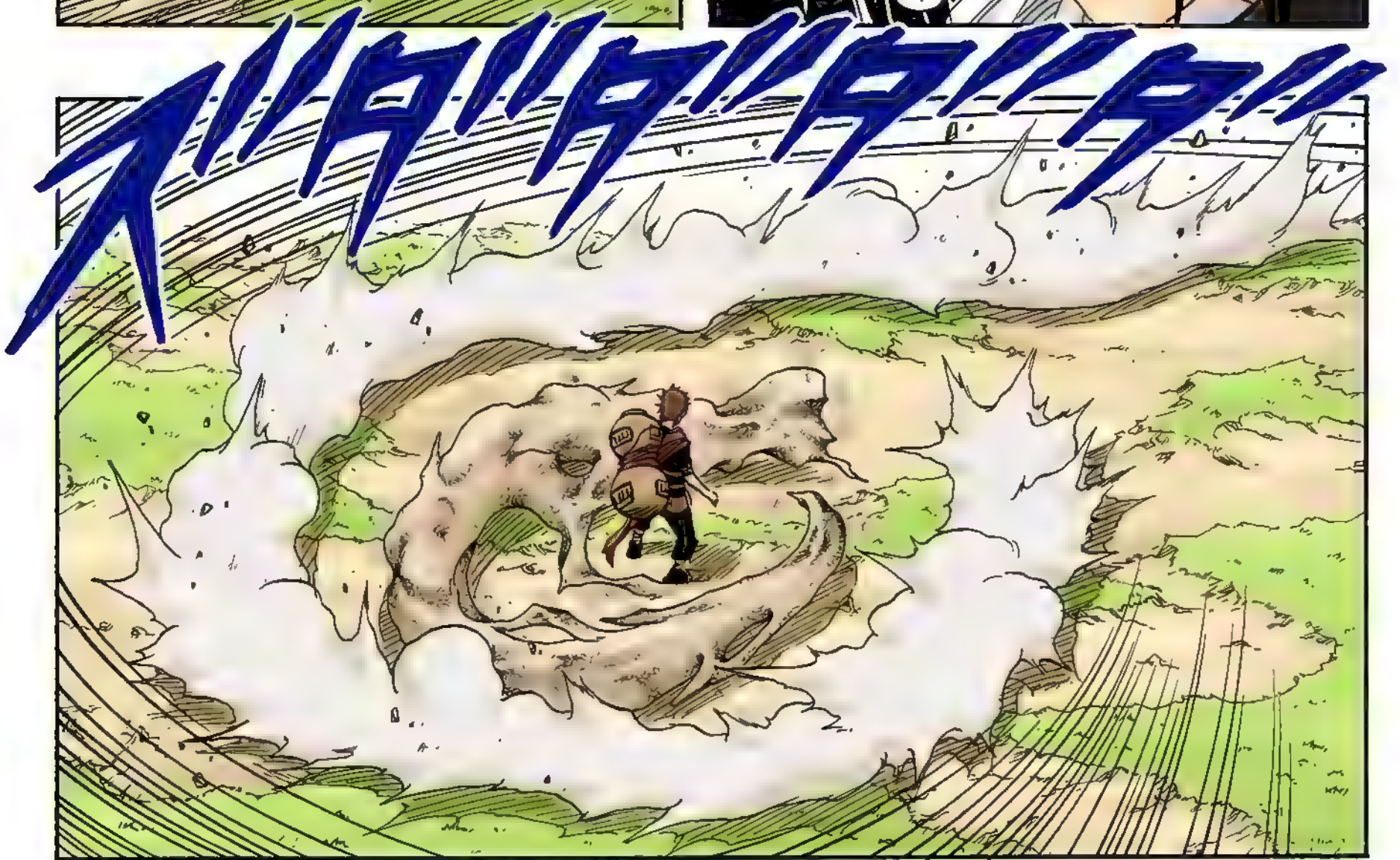
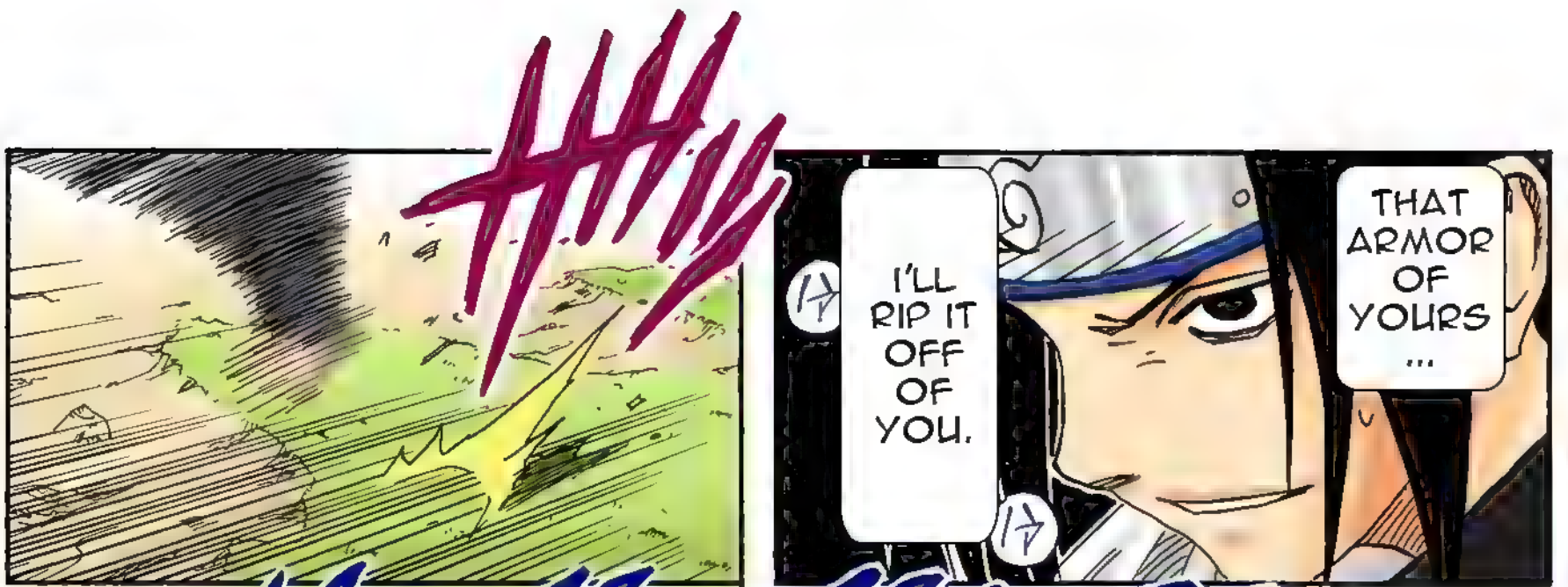




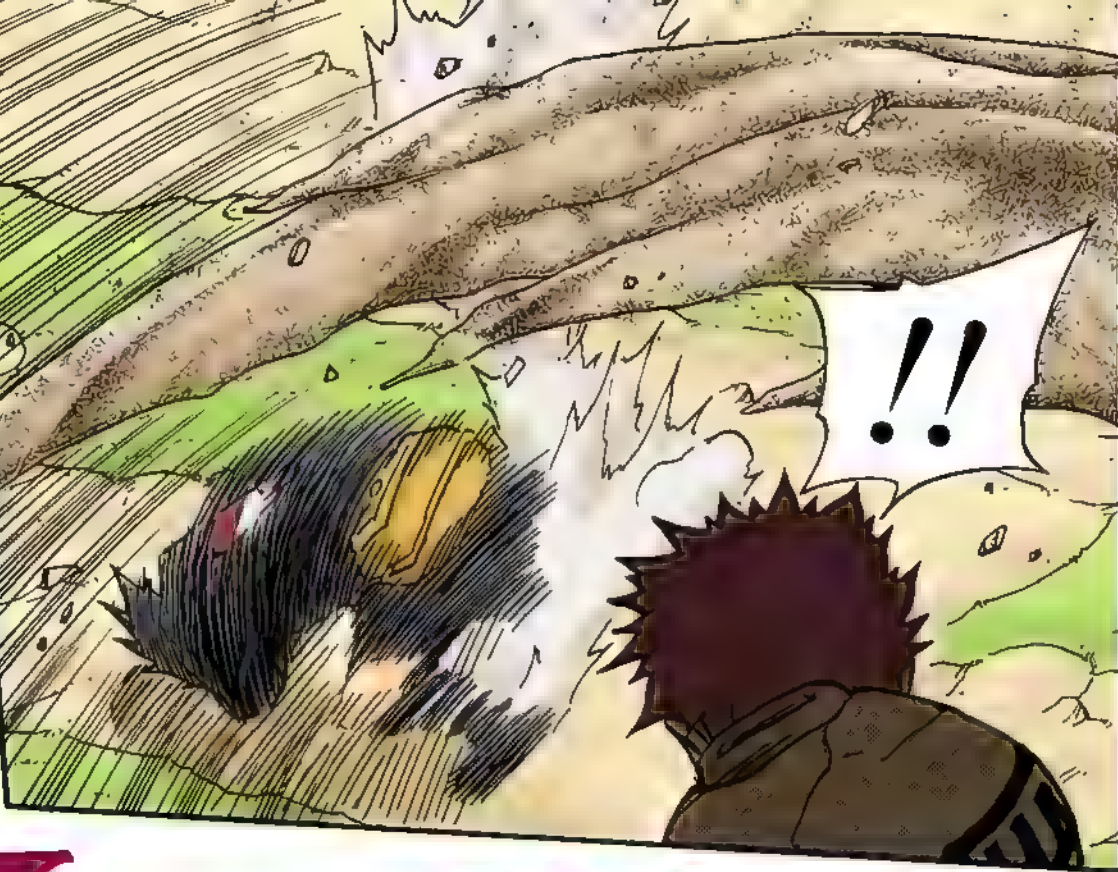
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TO COME
TO ME,
I'LL GO
TO YOU!

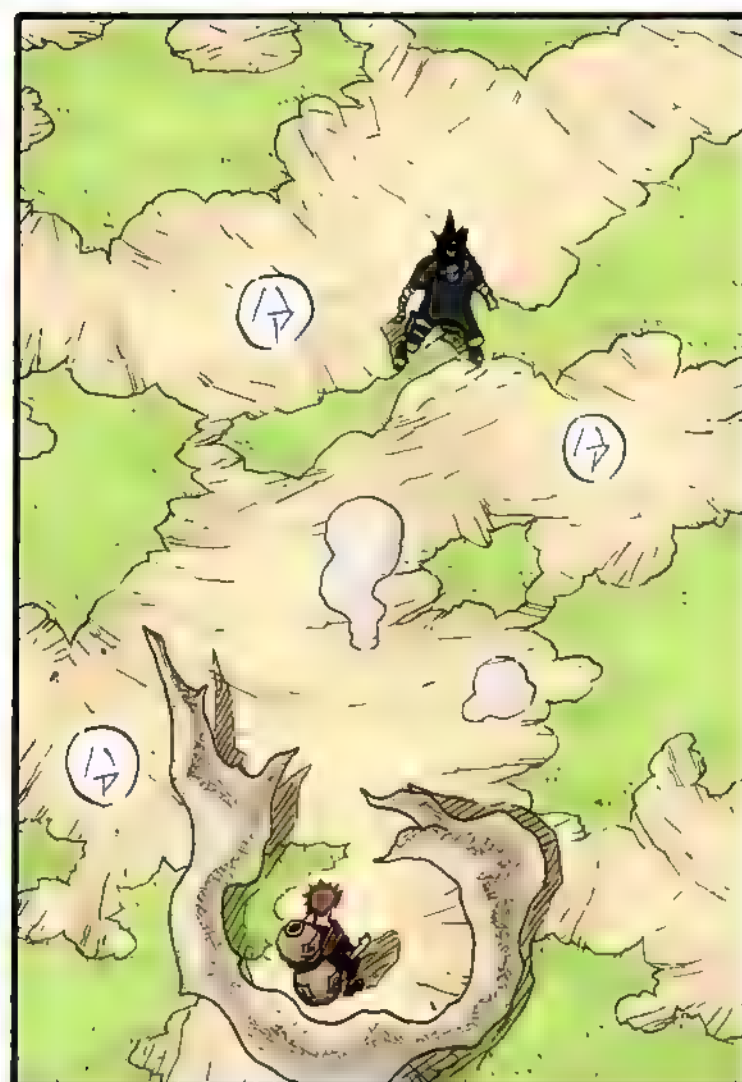
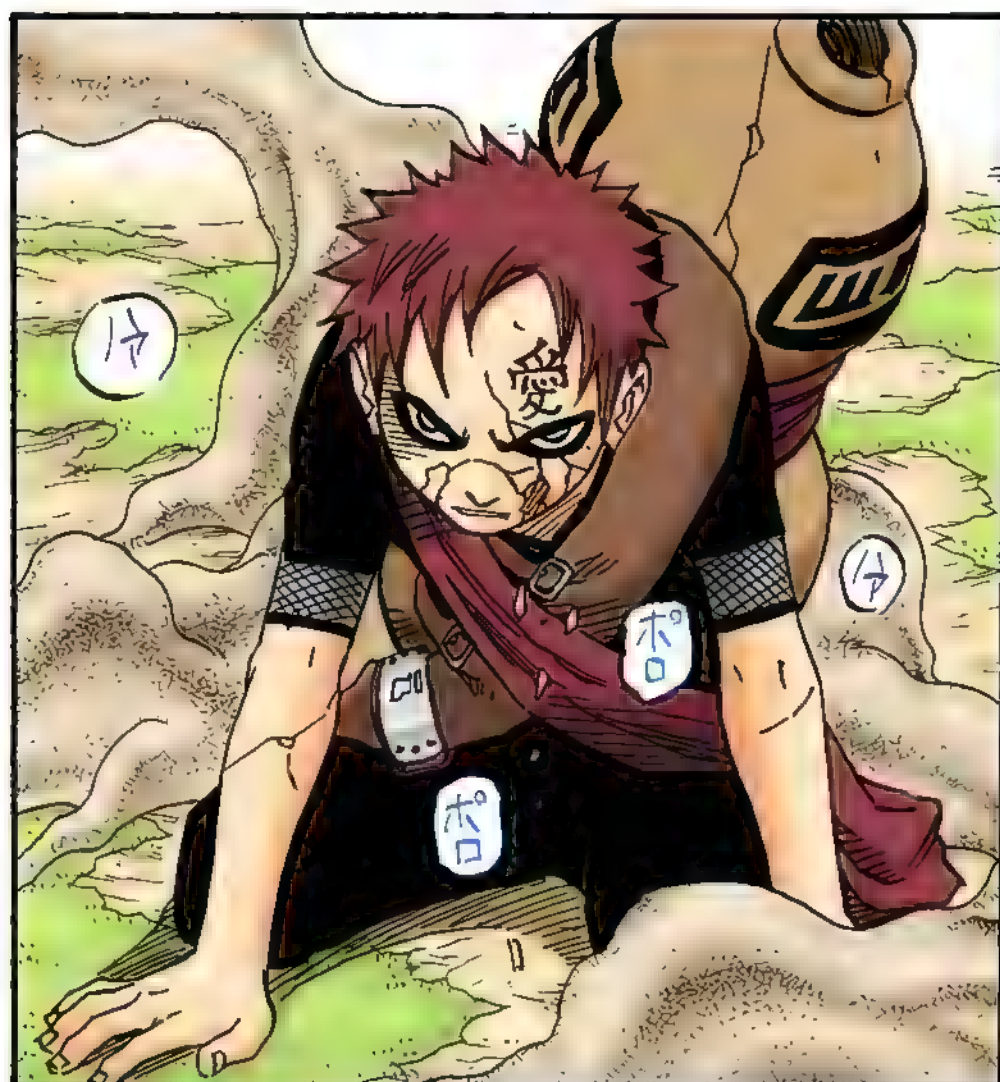
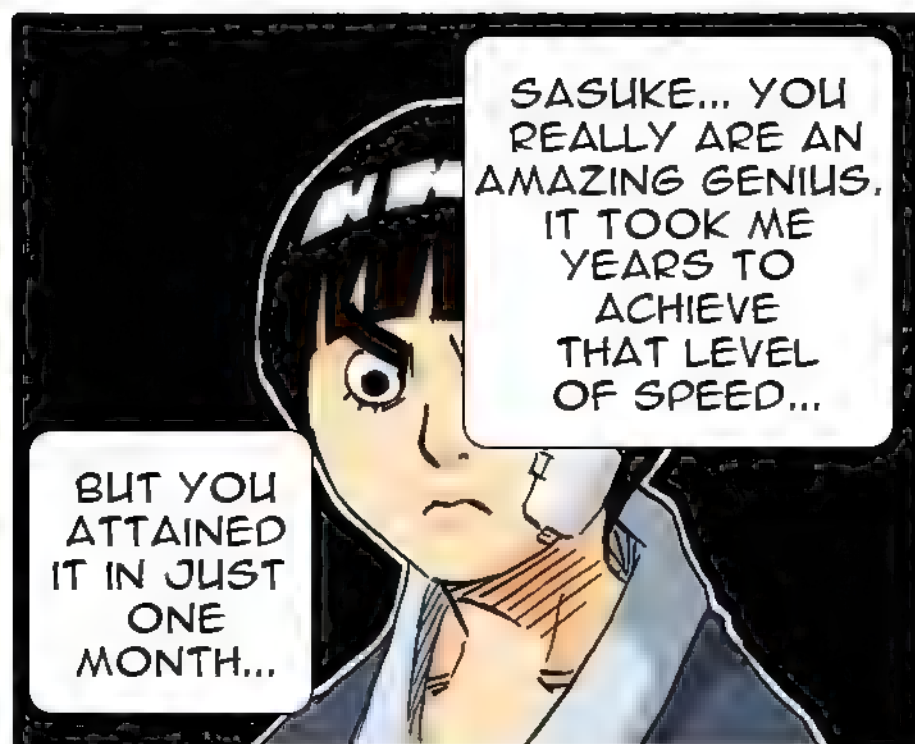


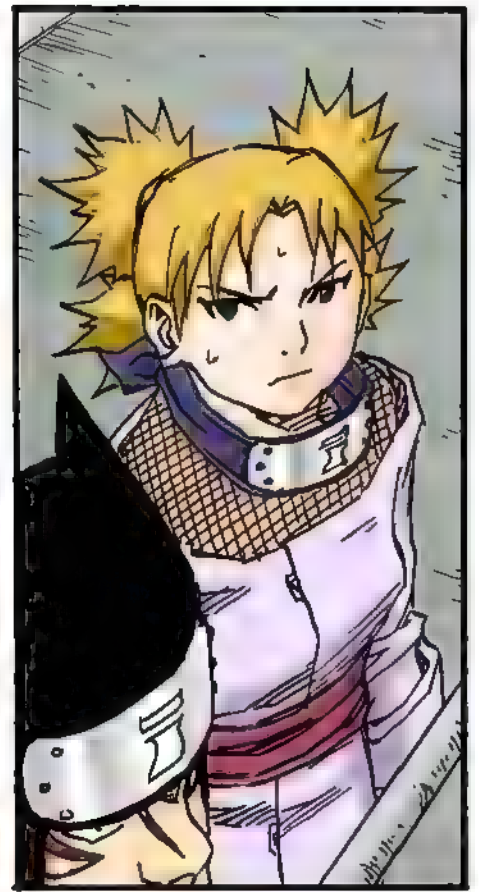
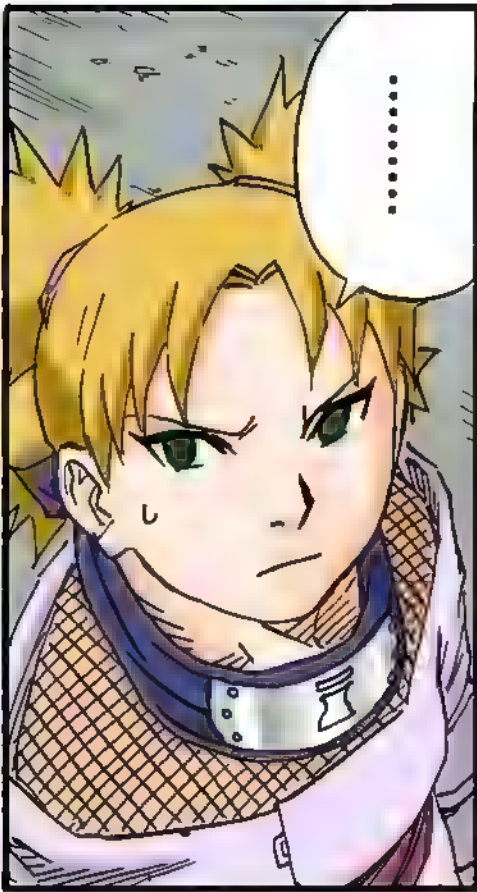


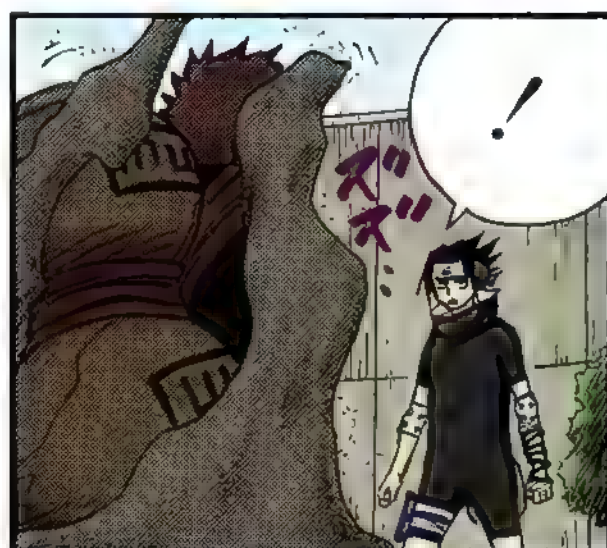
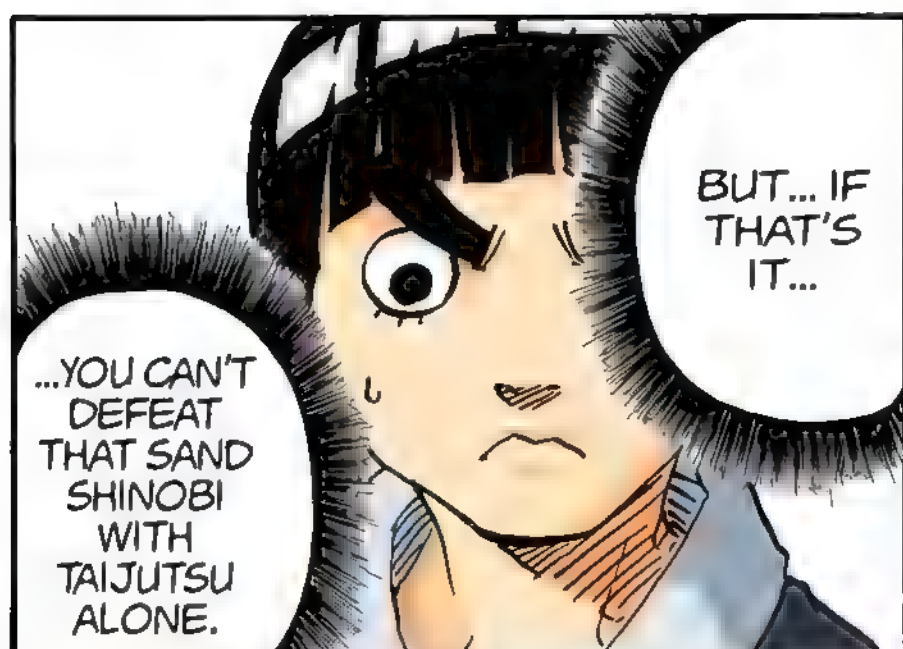


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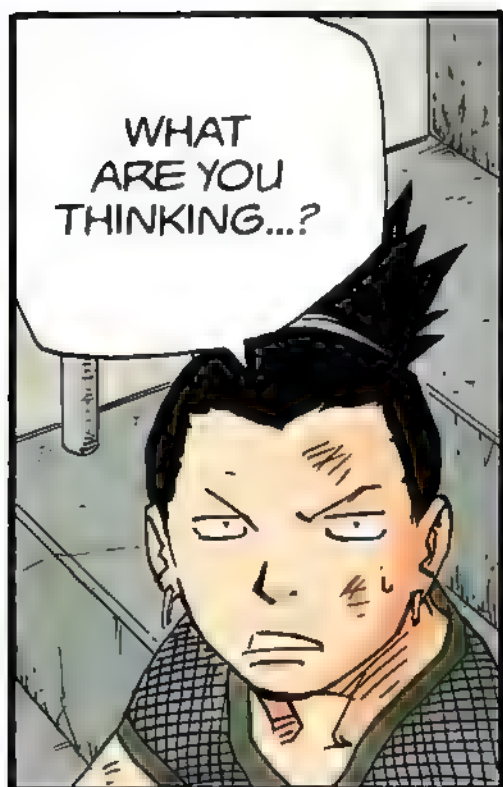
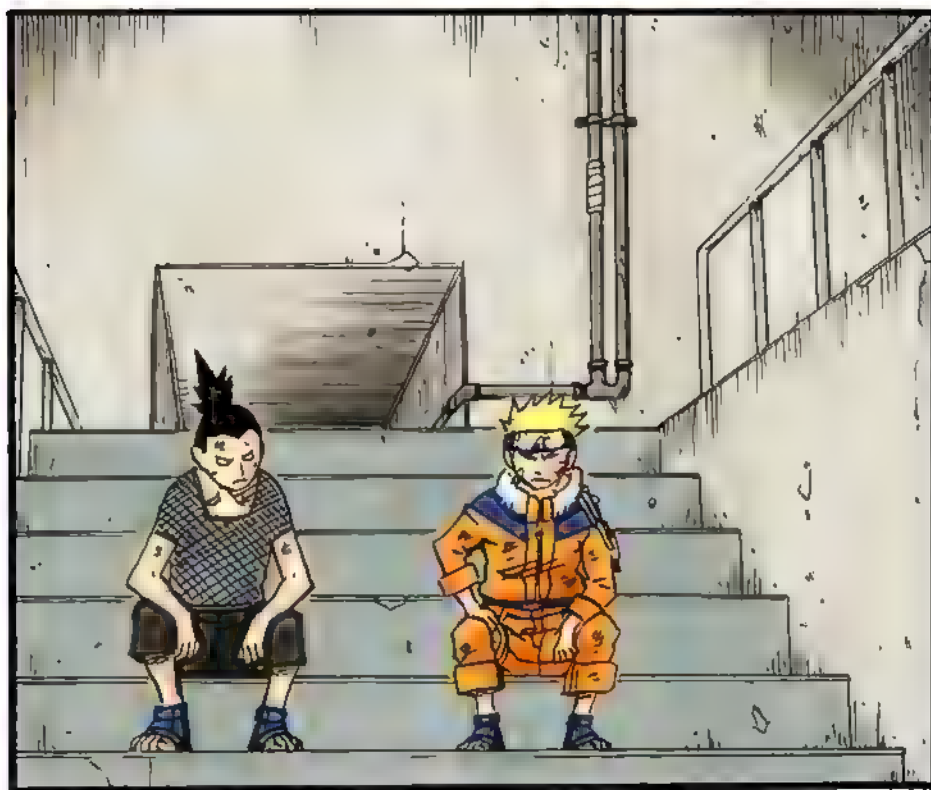


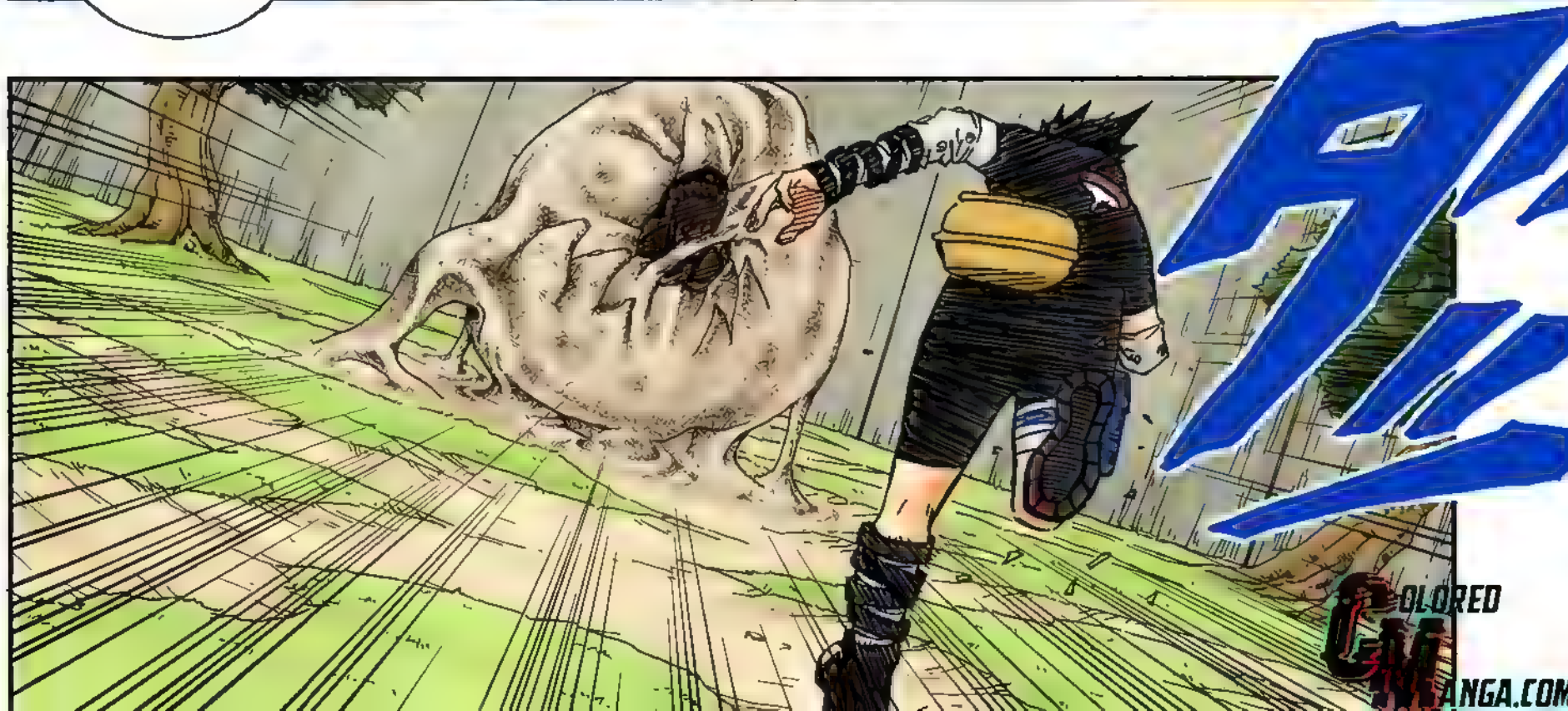
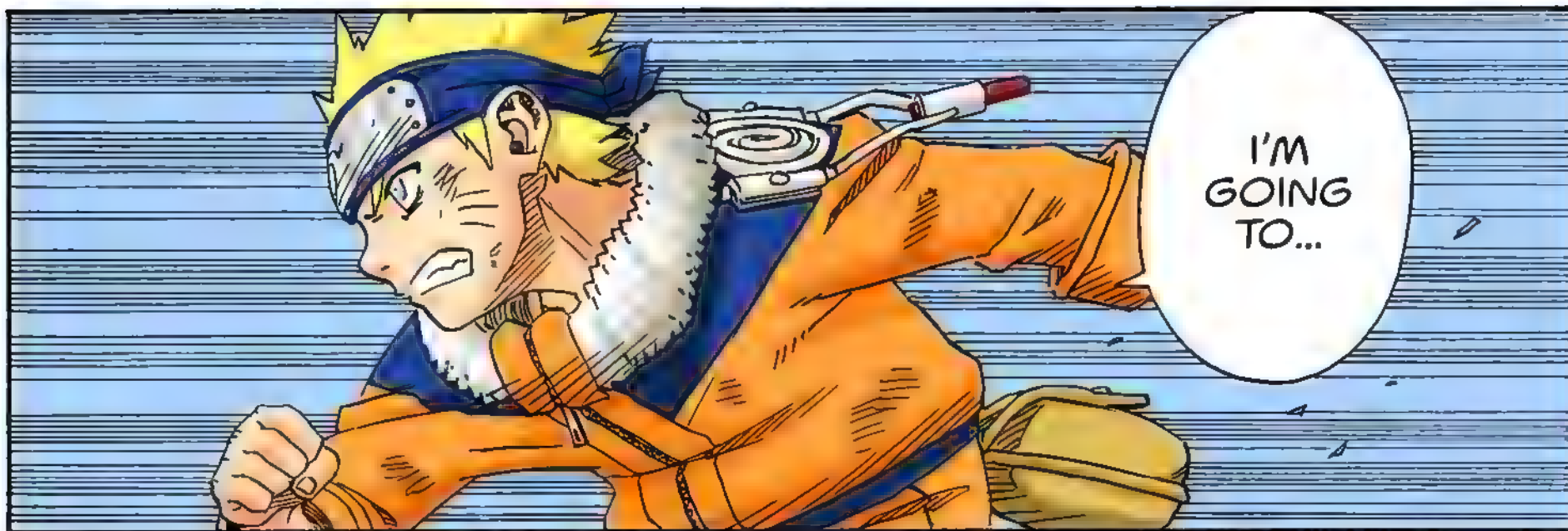
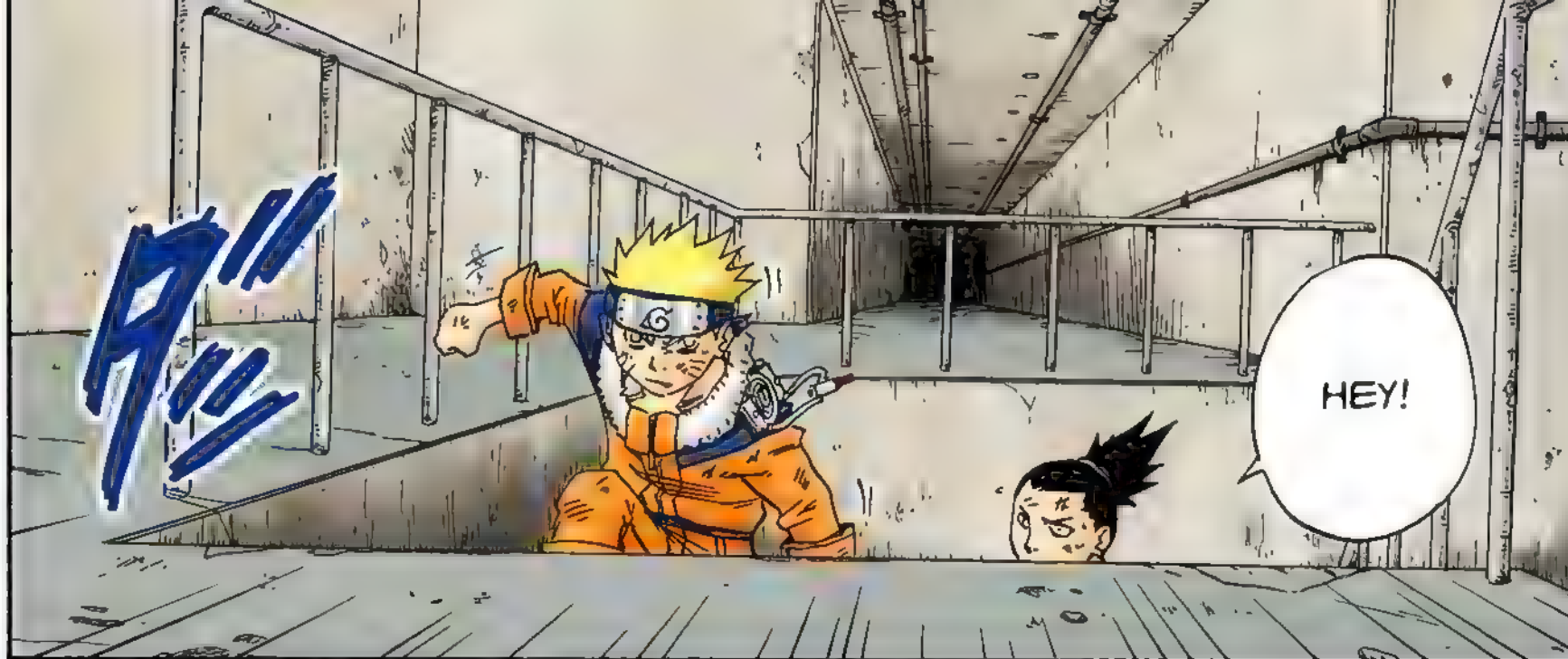


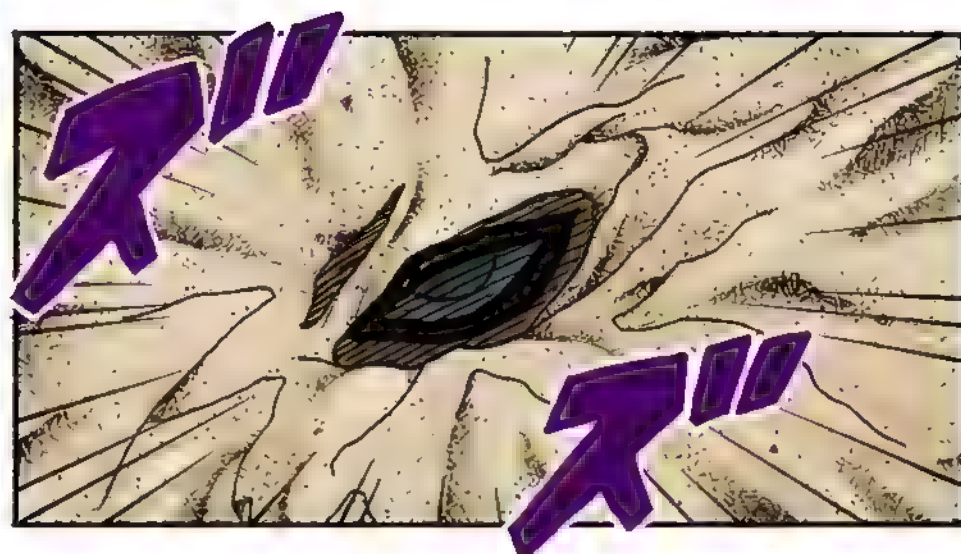
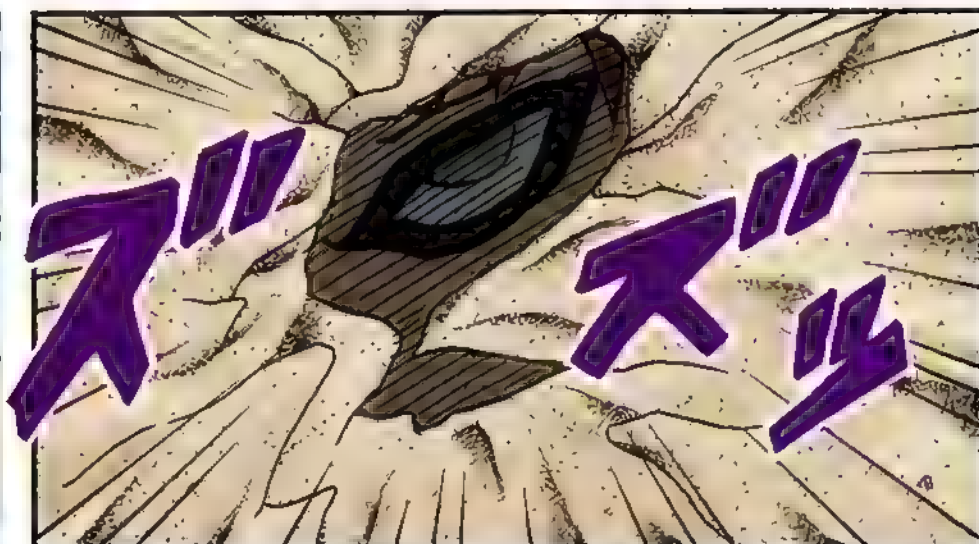




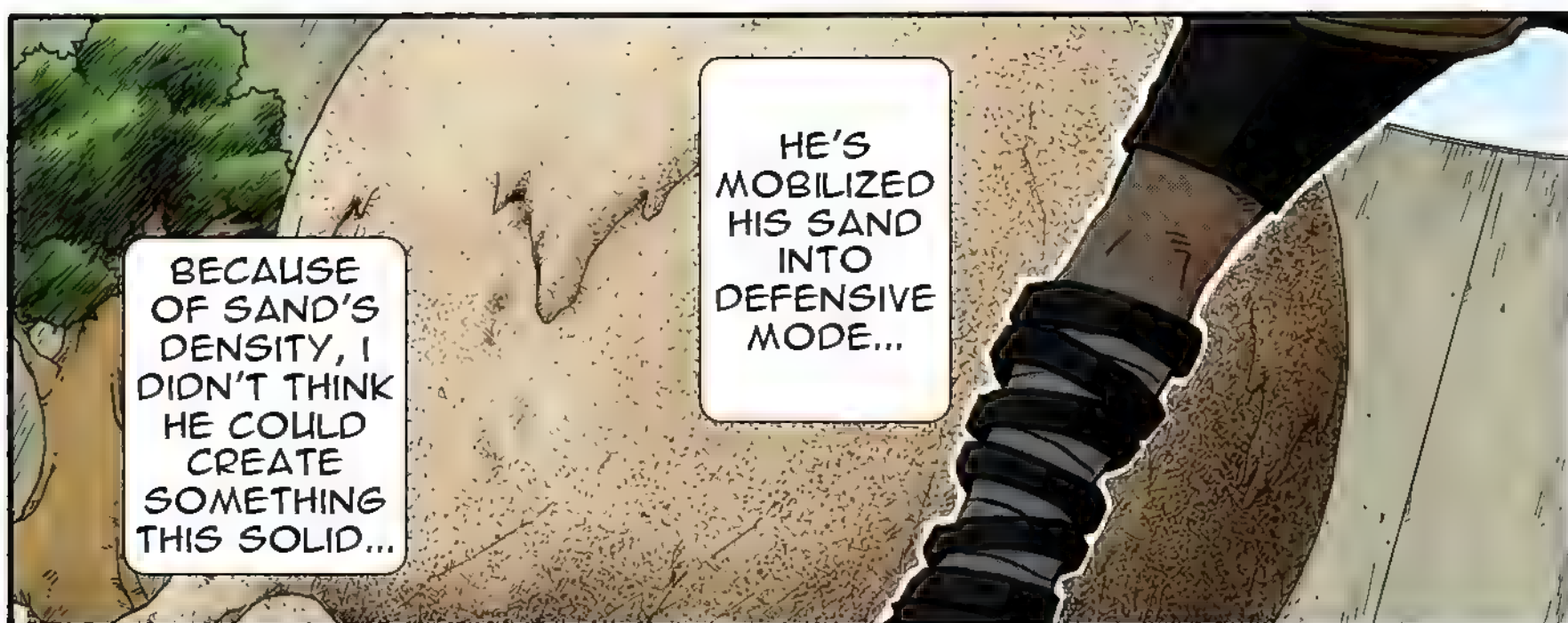
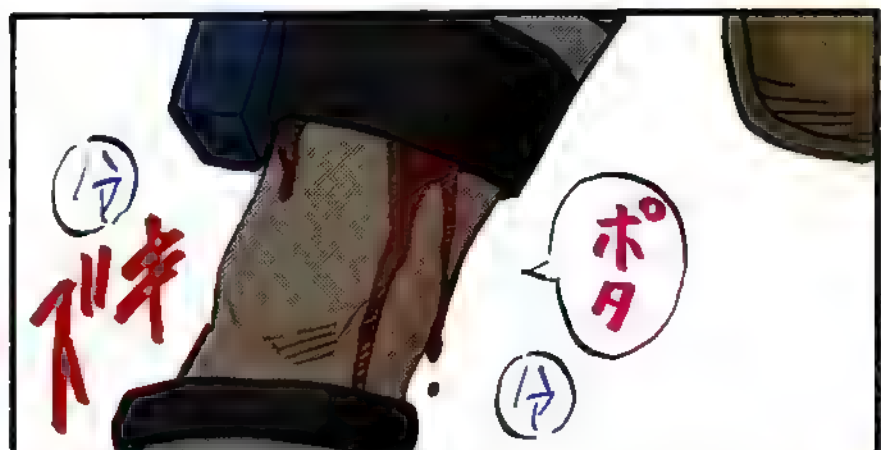
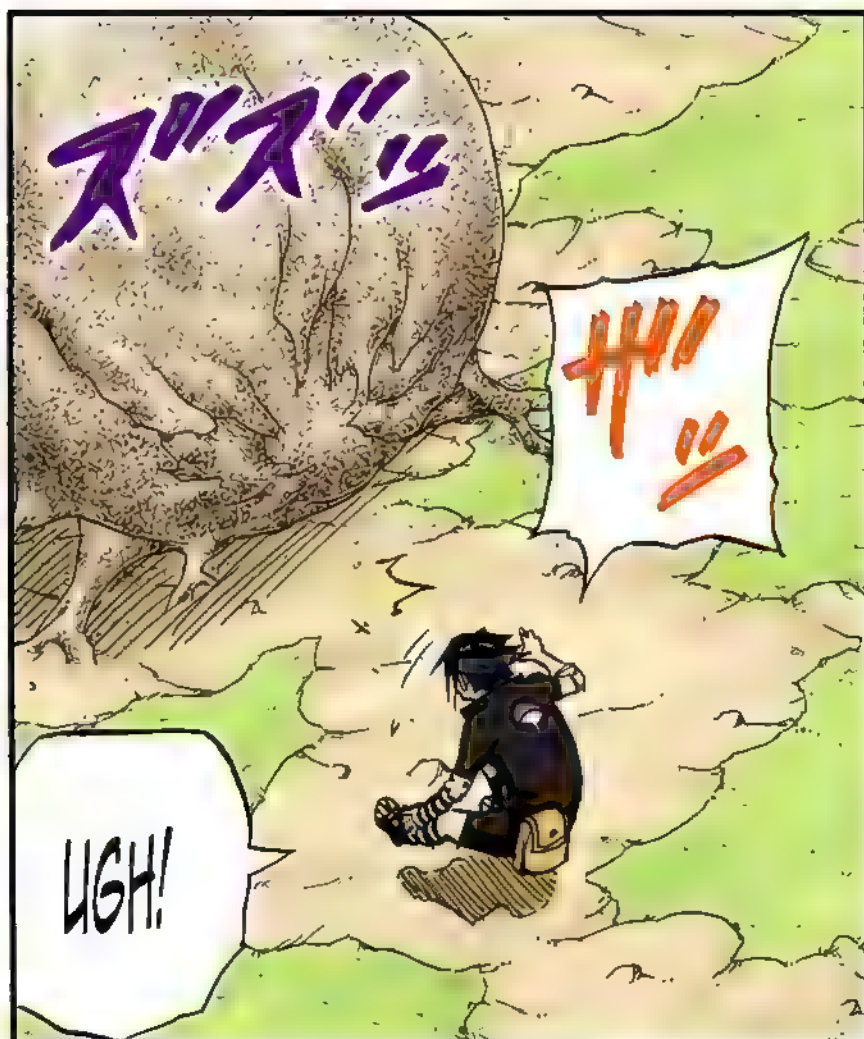
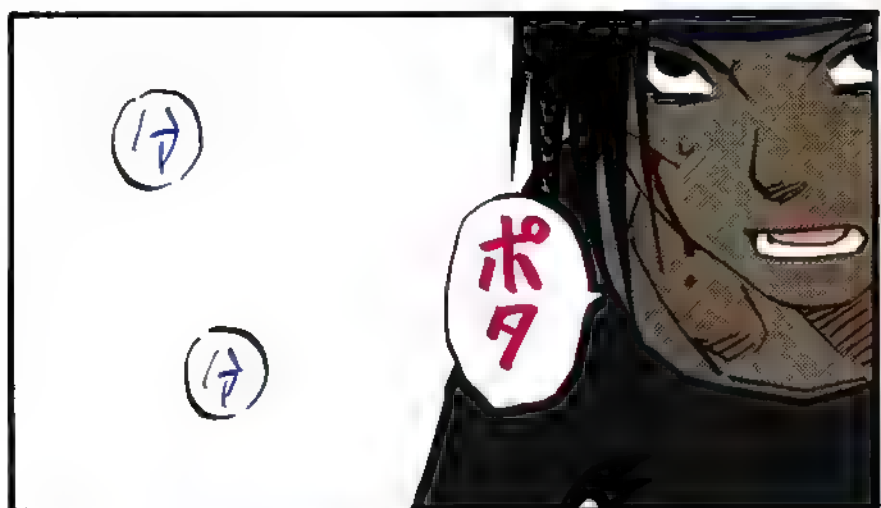


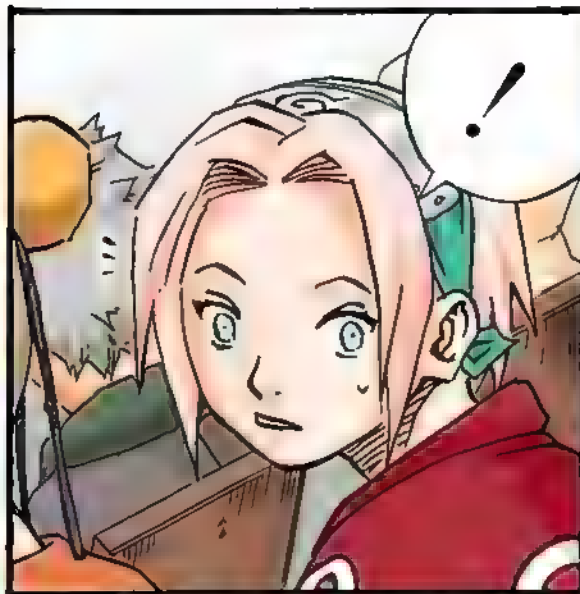
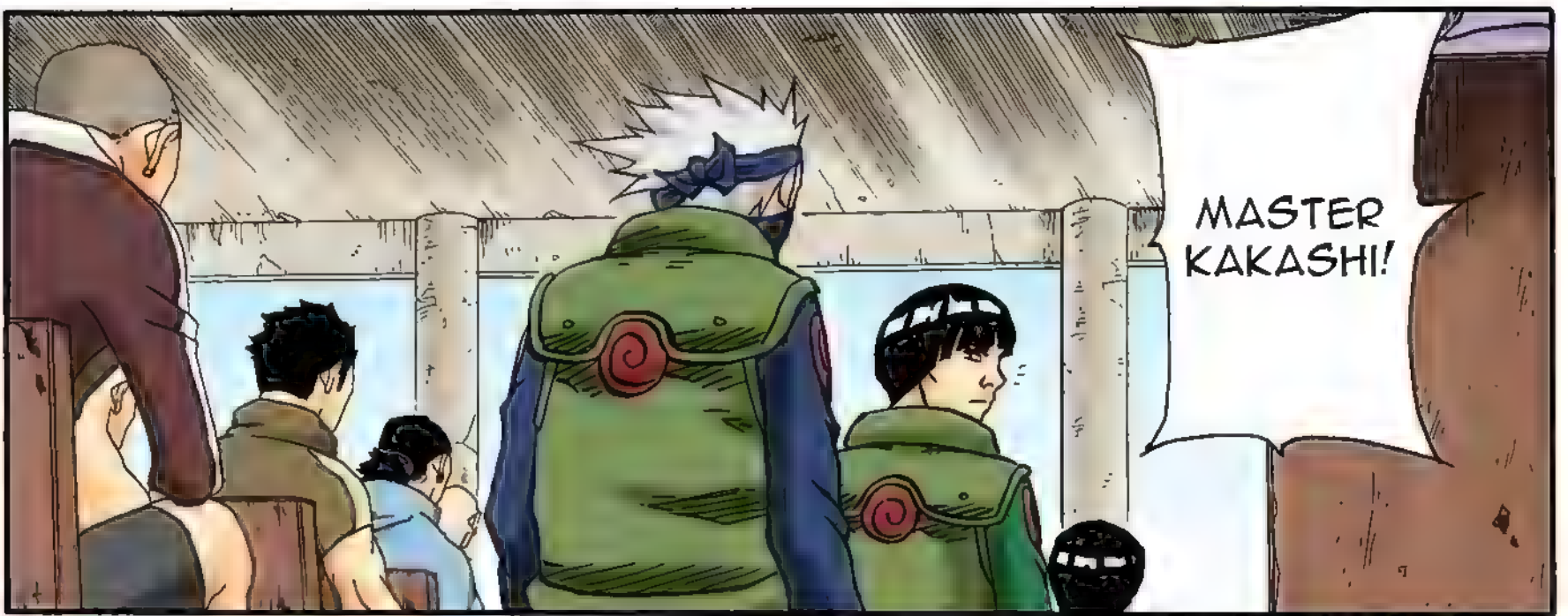


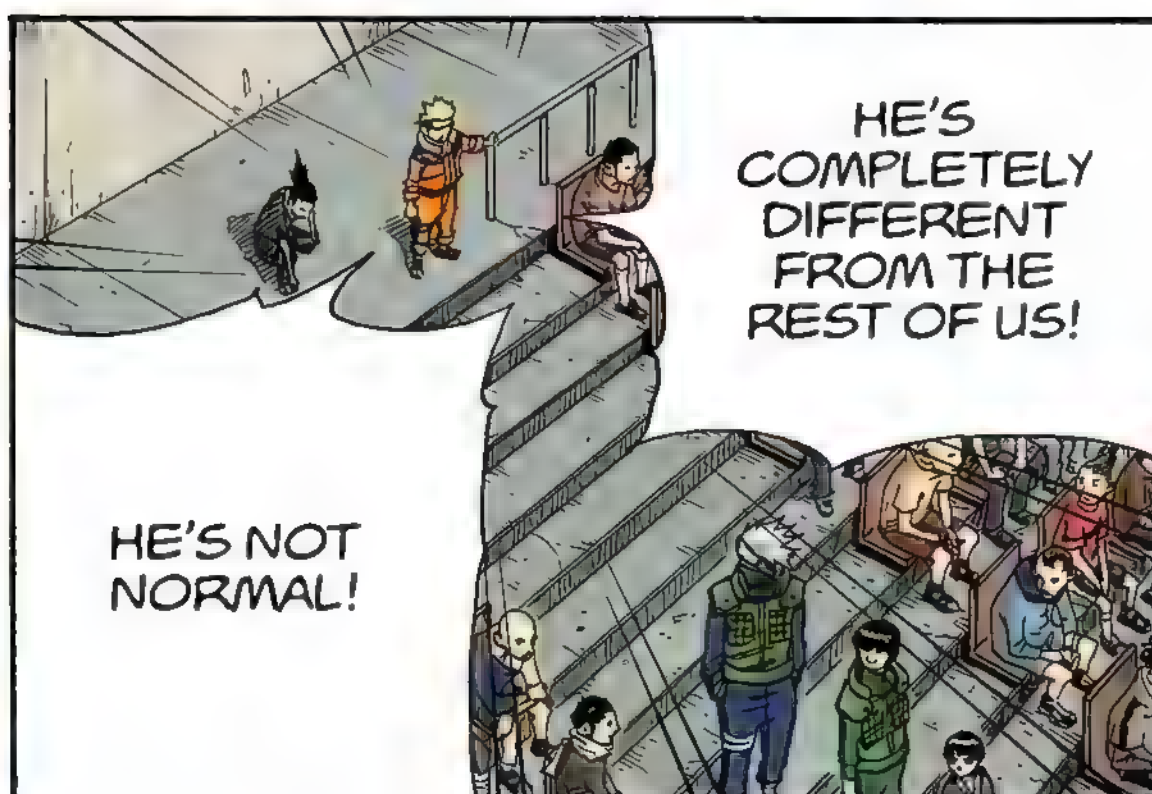
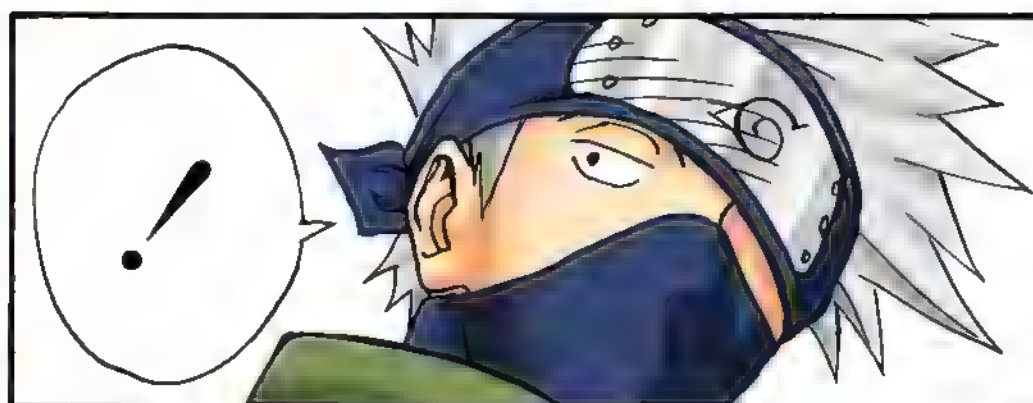
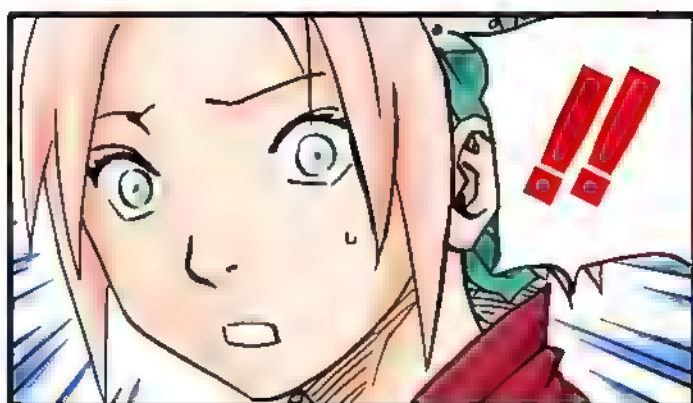
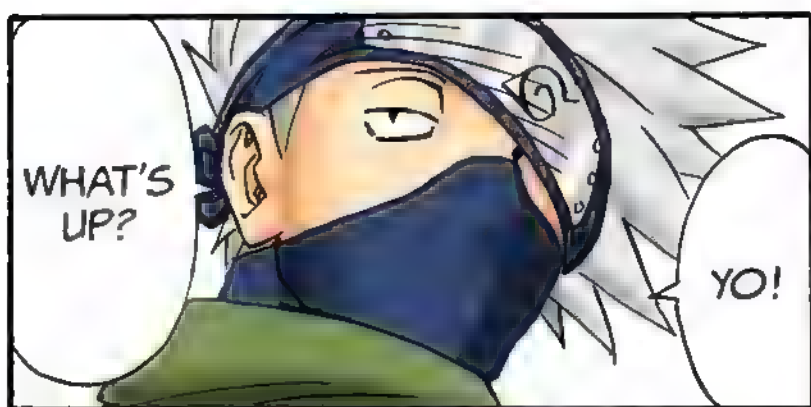


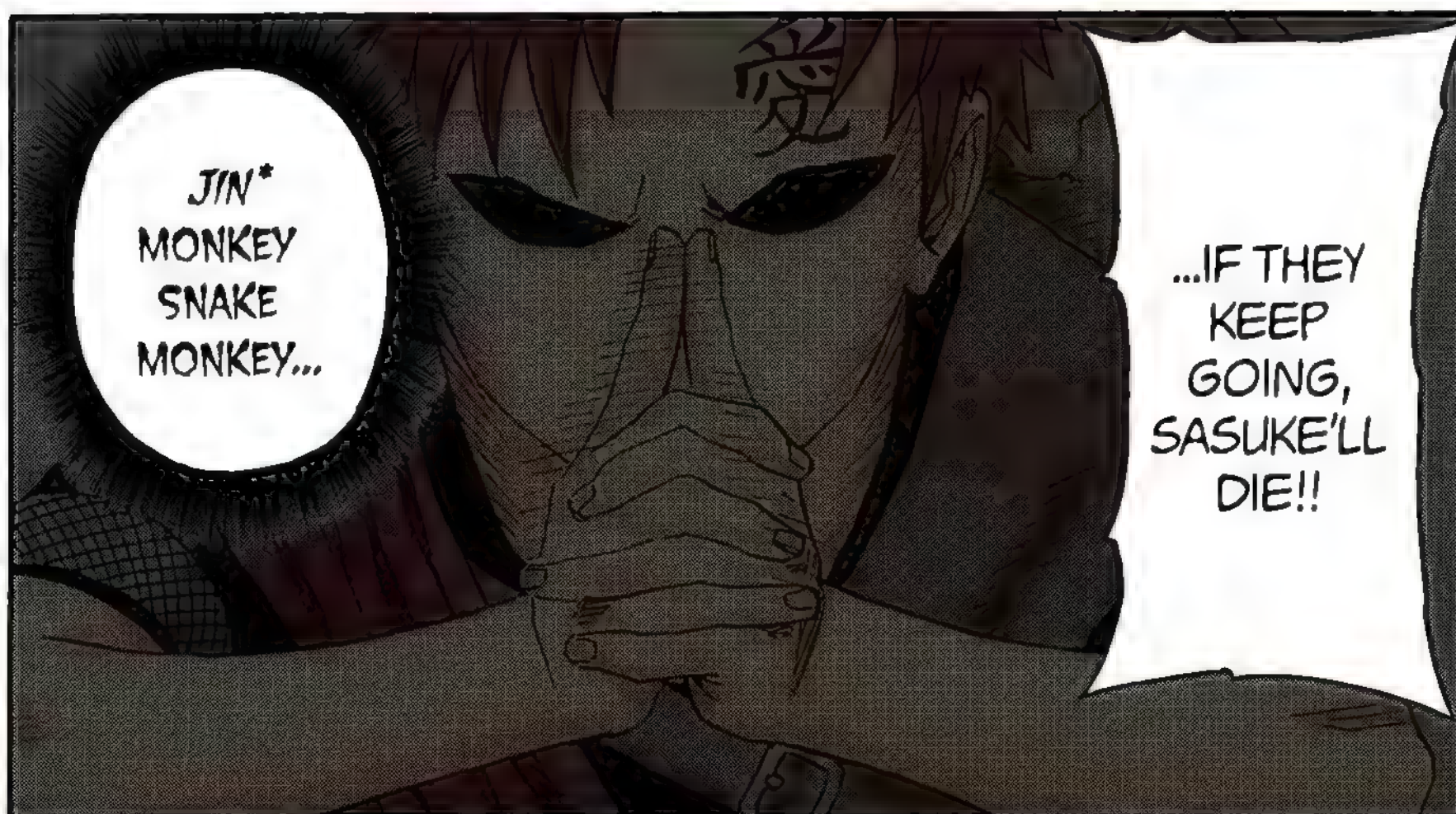
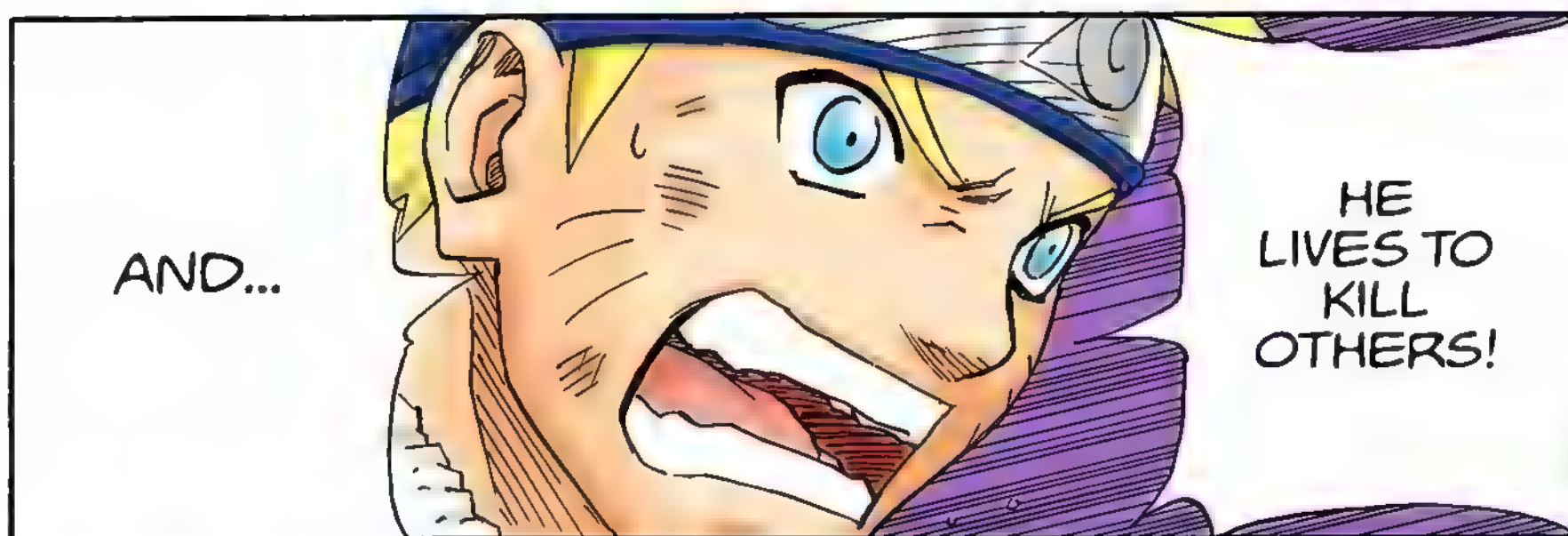




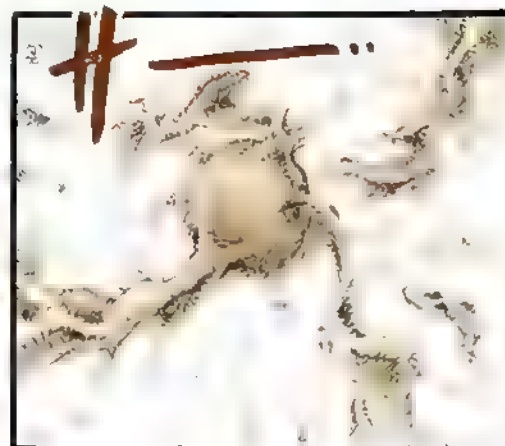


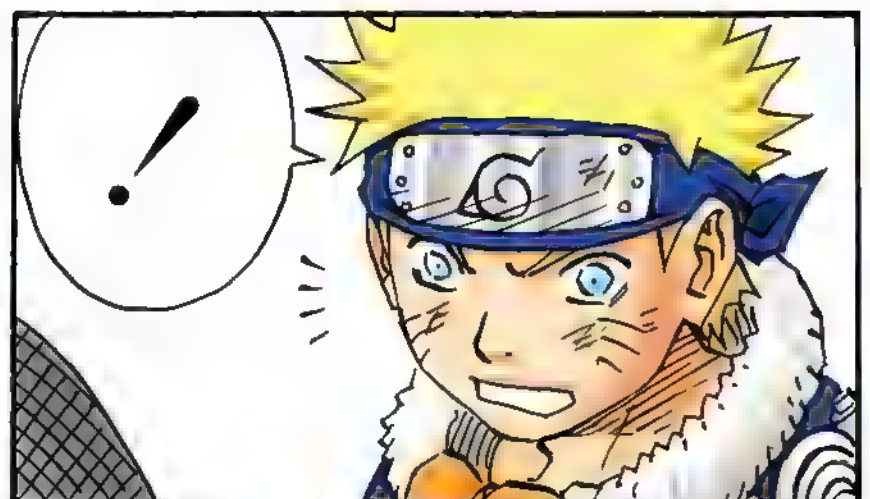
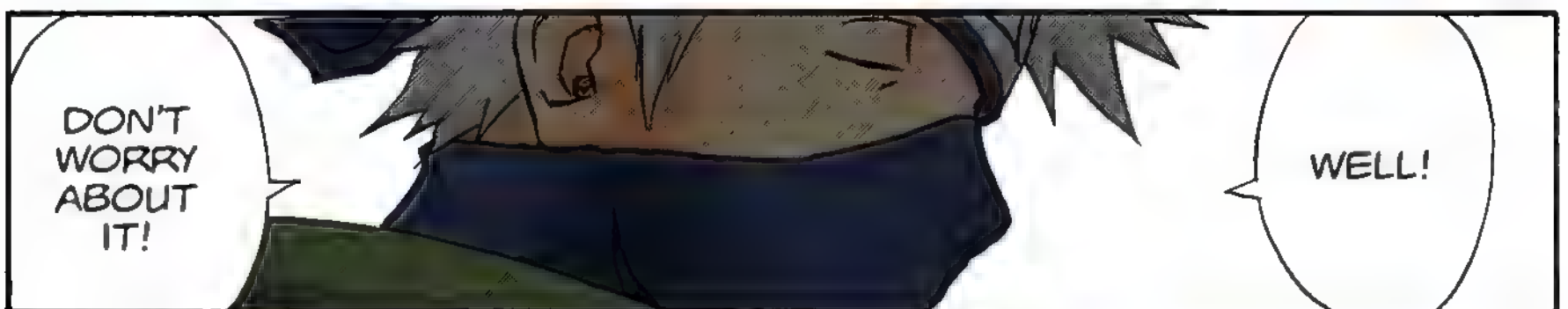
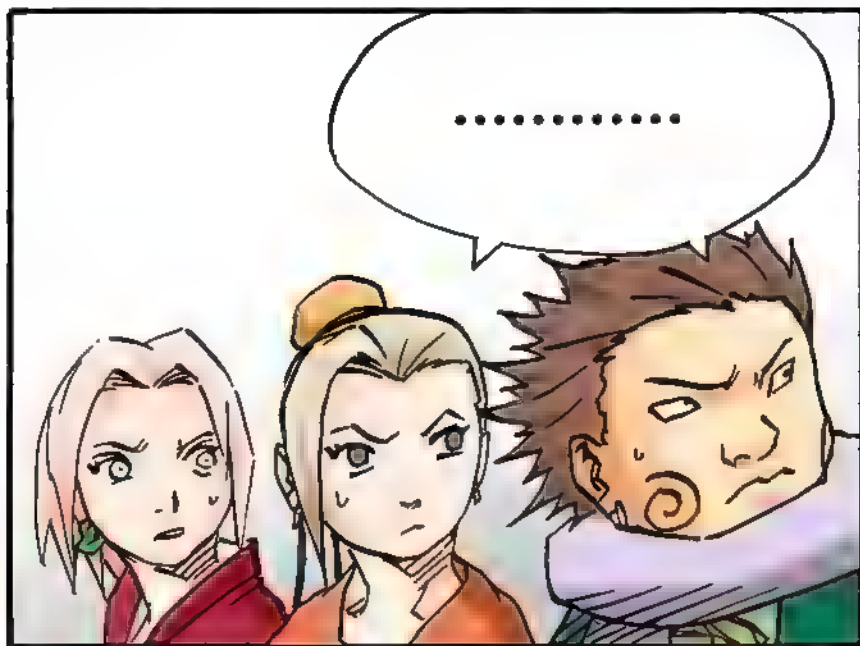


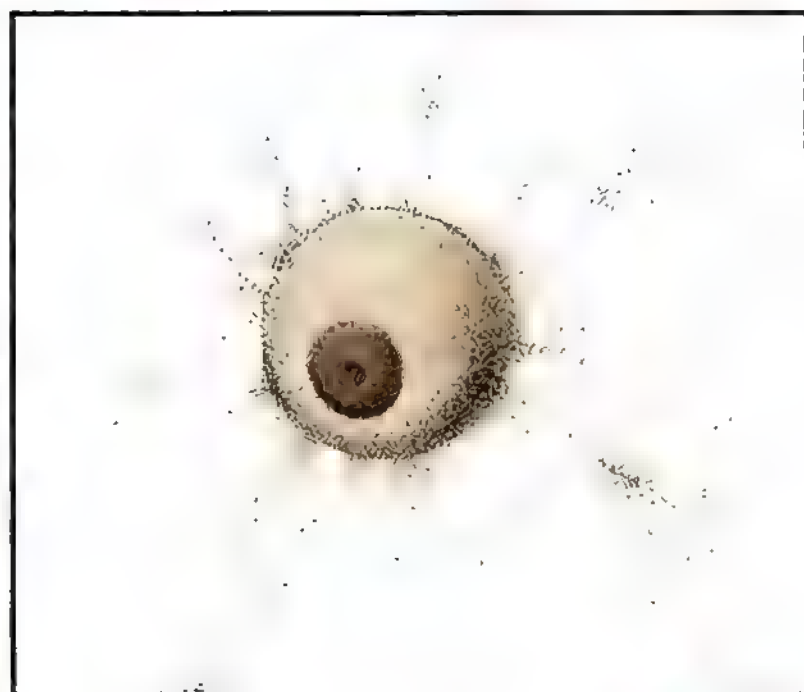
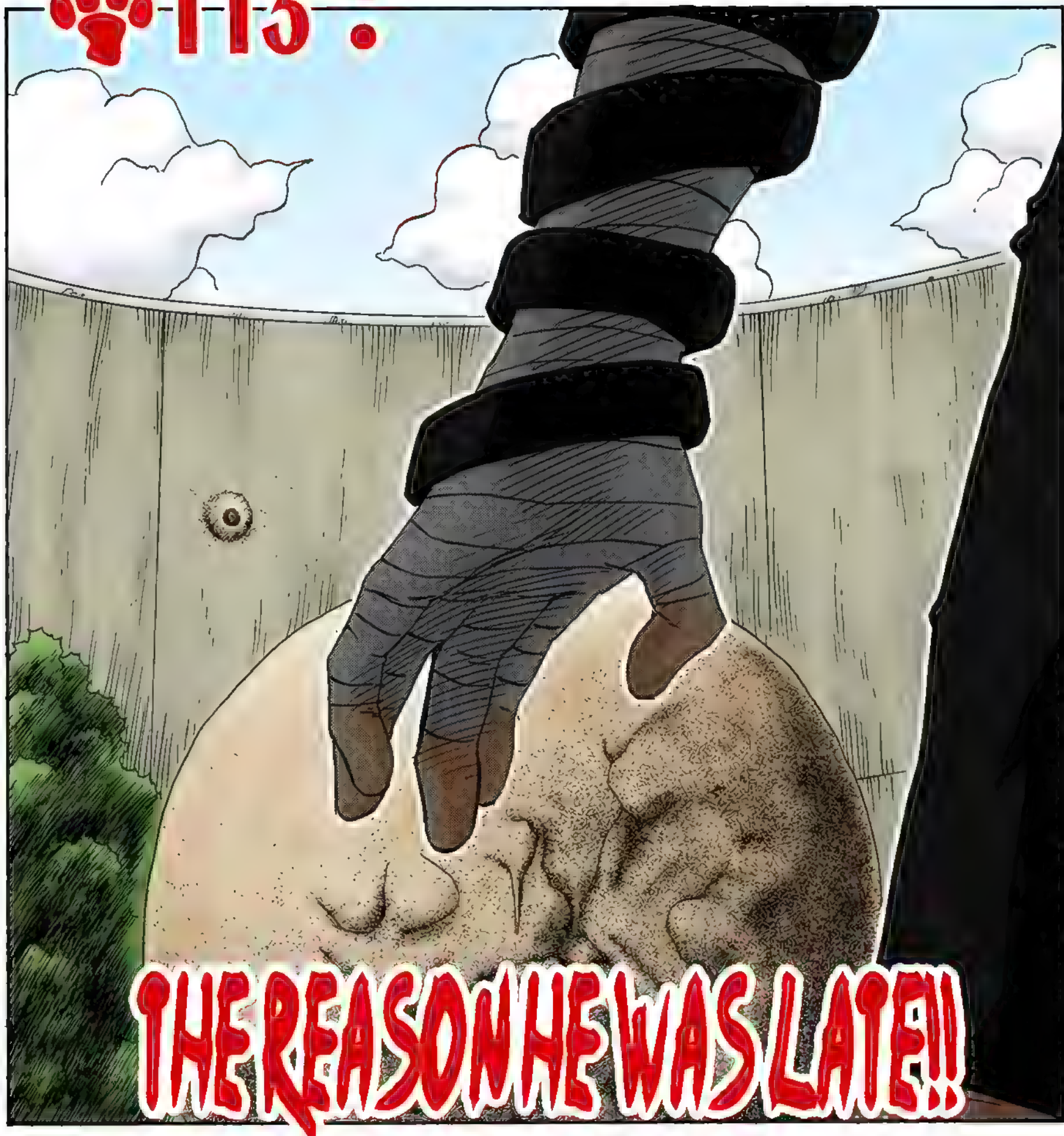


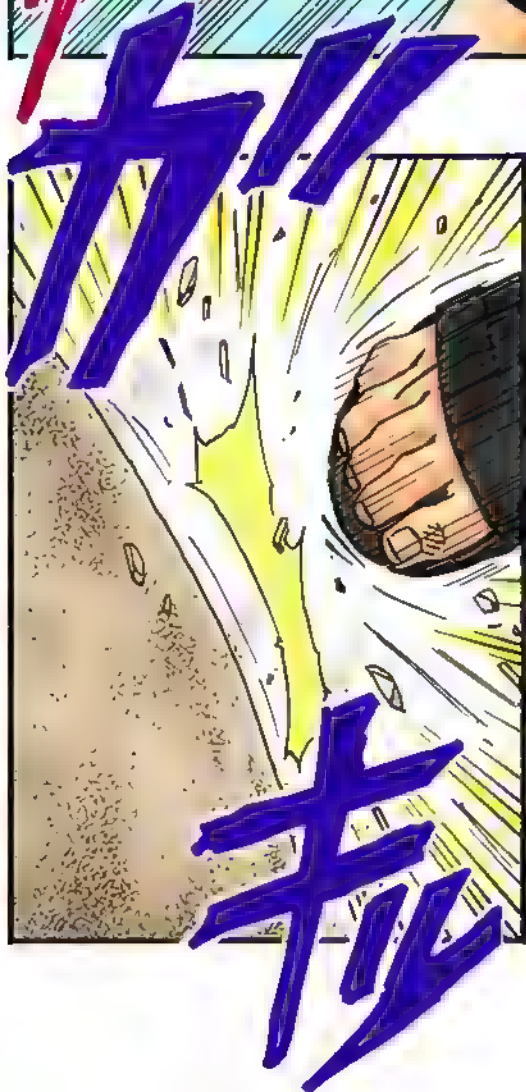
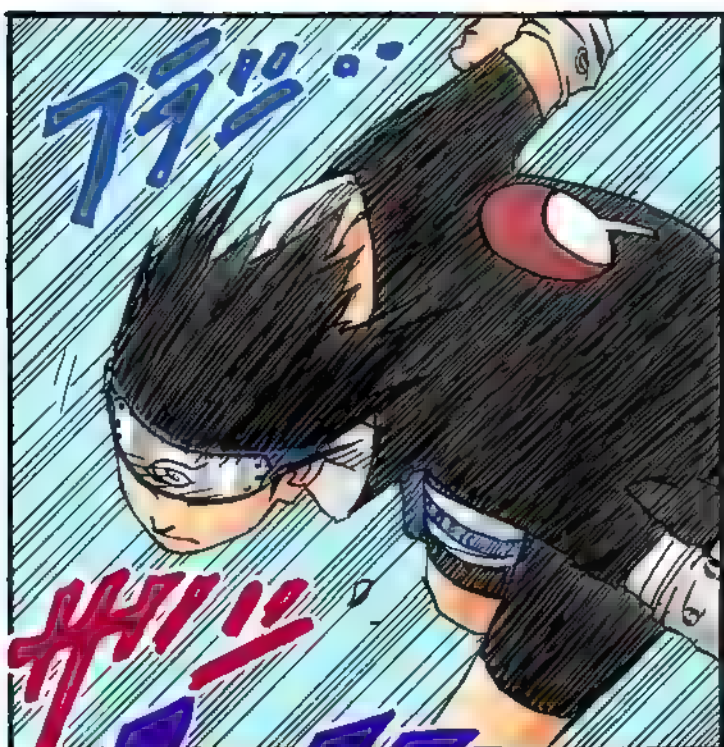


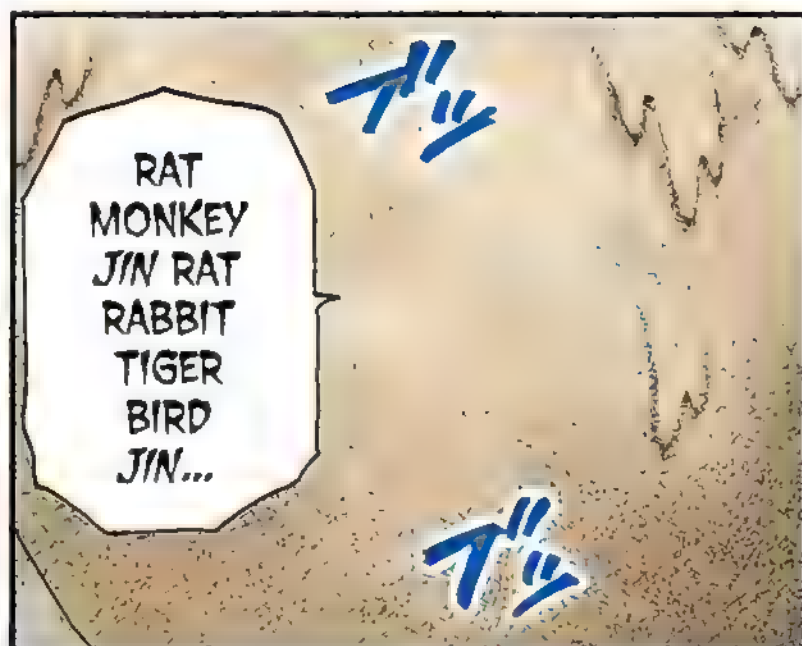
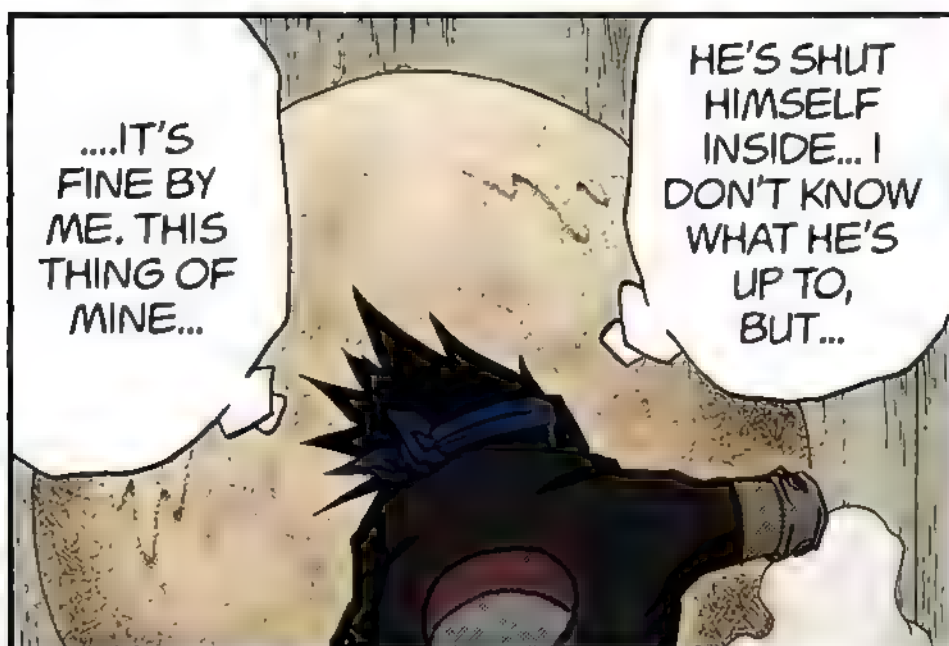
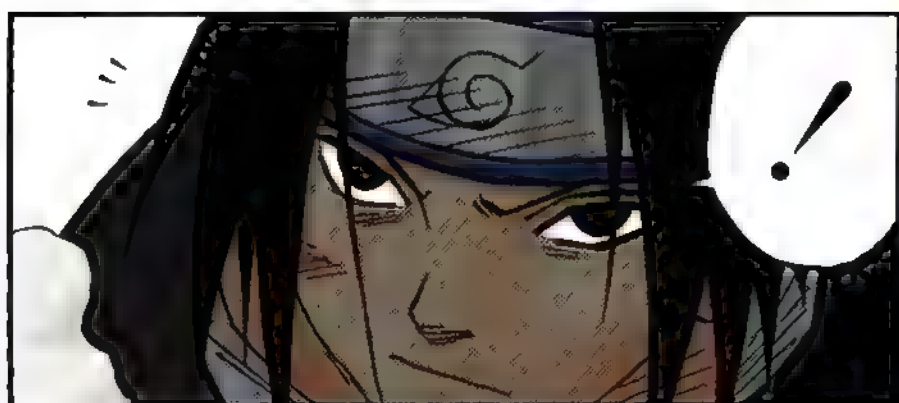
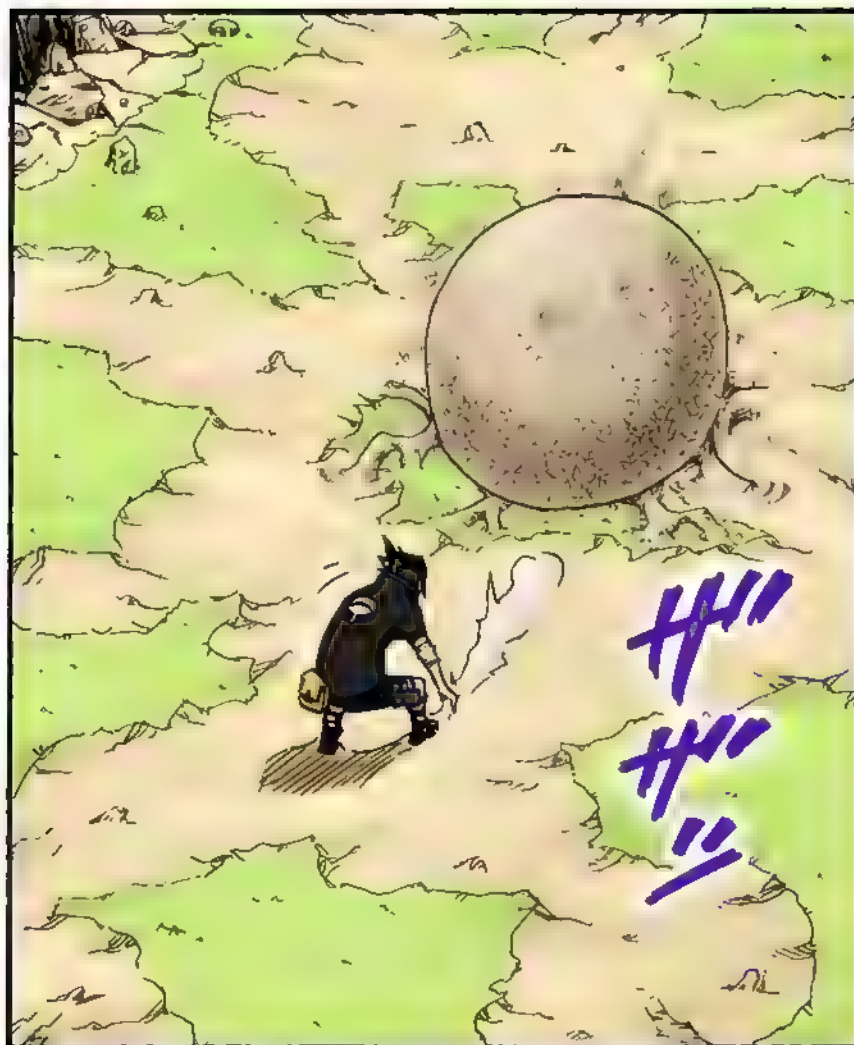
* Jin means Yang Water, one of the elemental influences in the Chinese sexagenary cycle. -Ed.

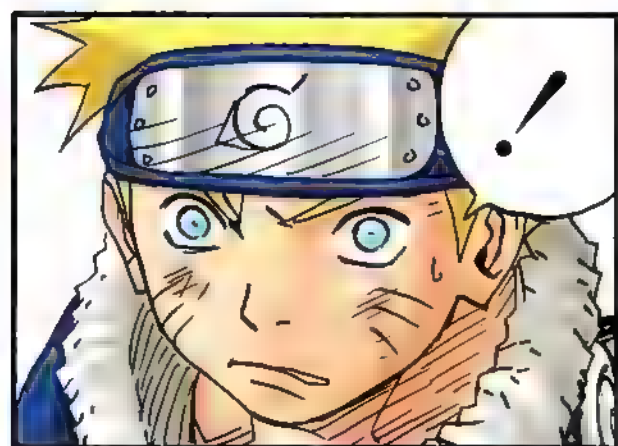
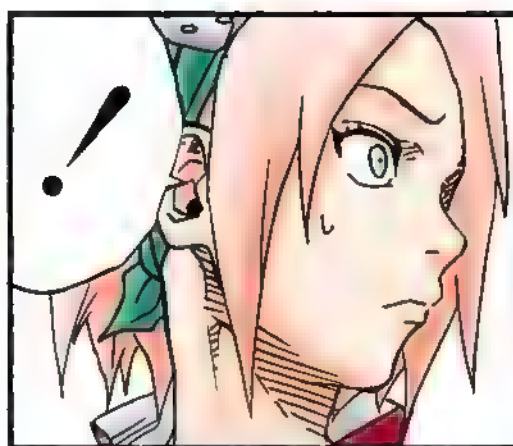
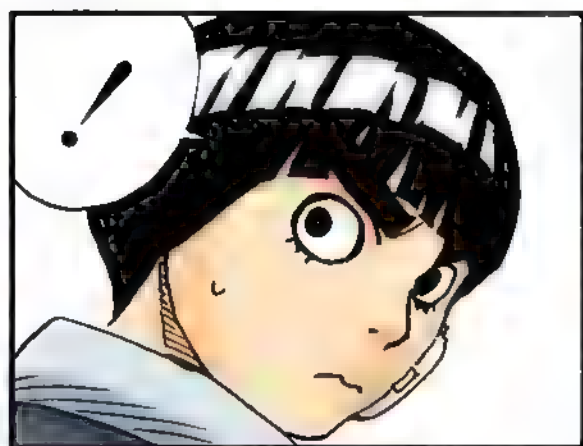
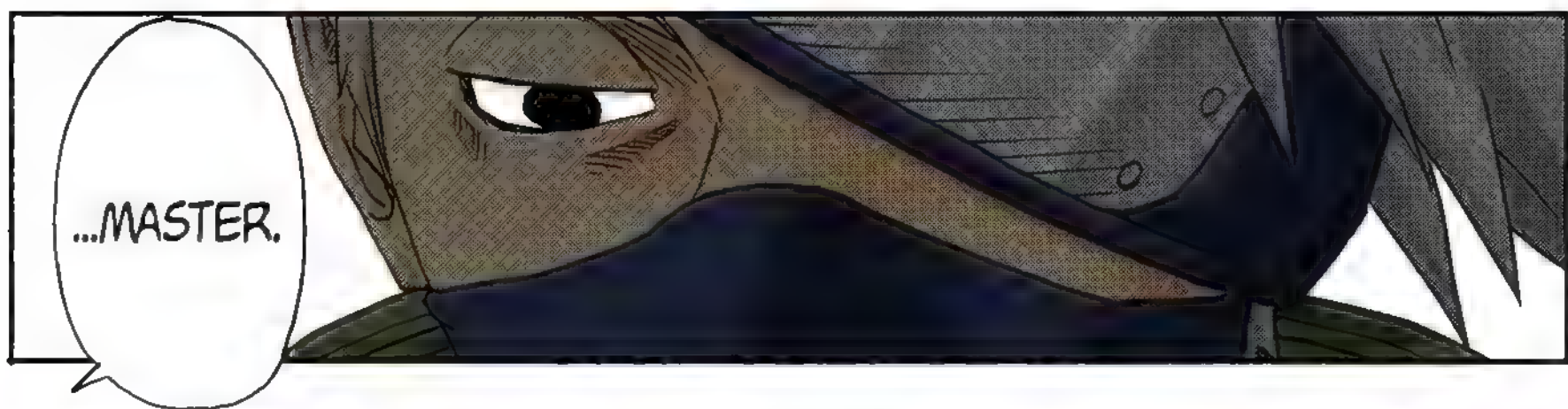


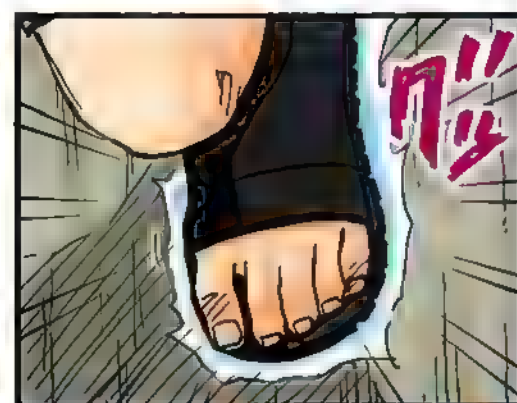
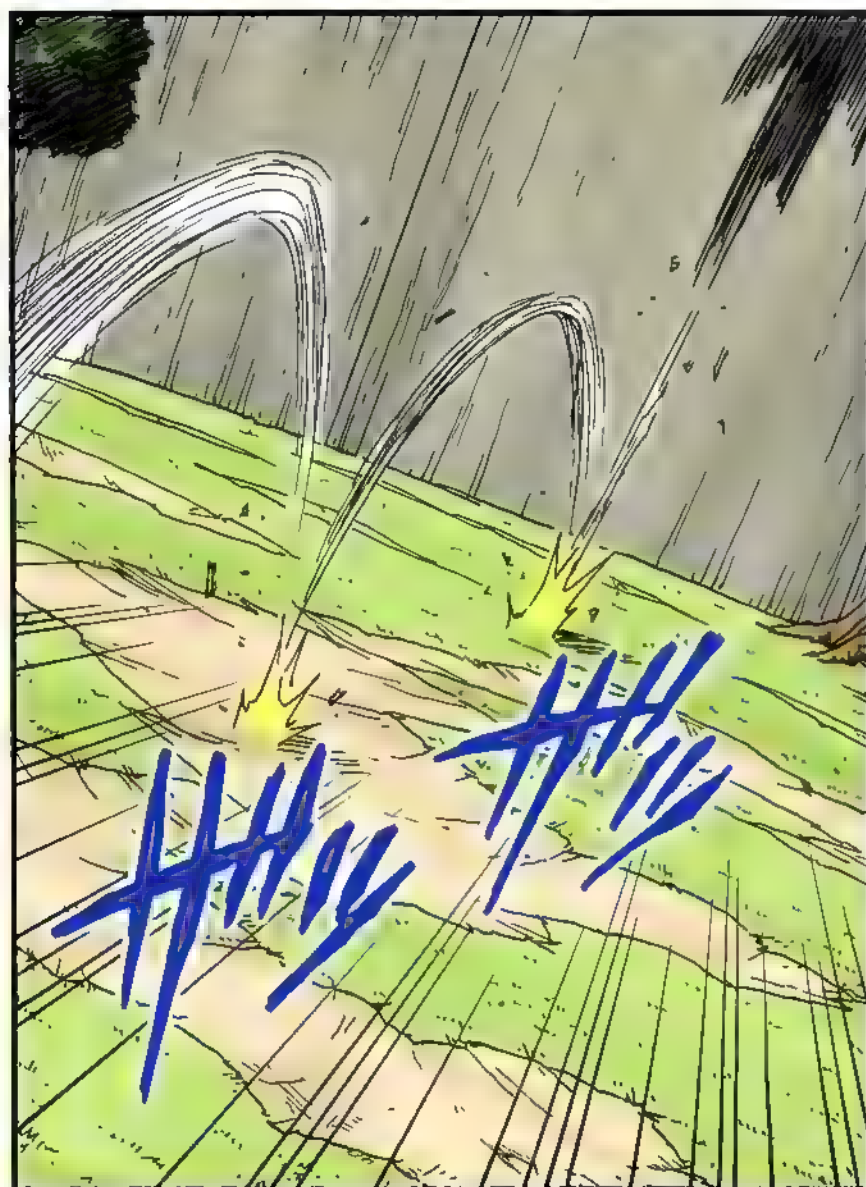
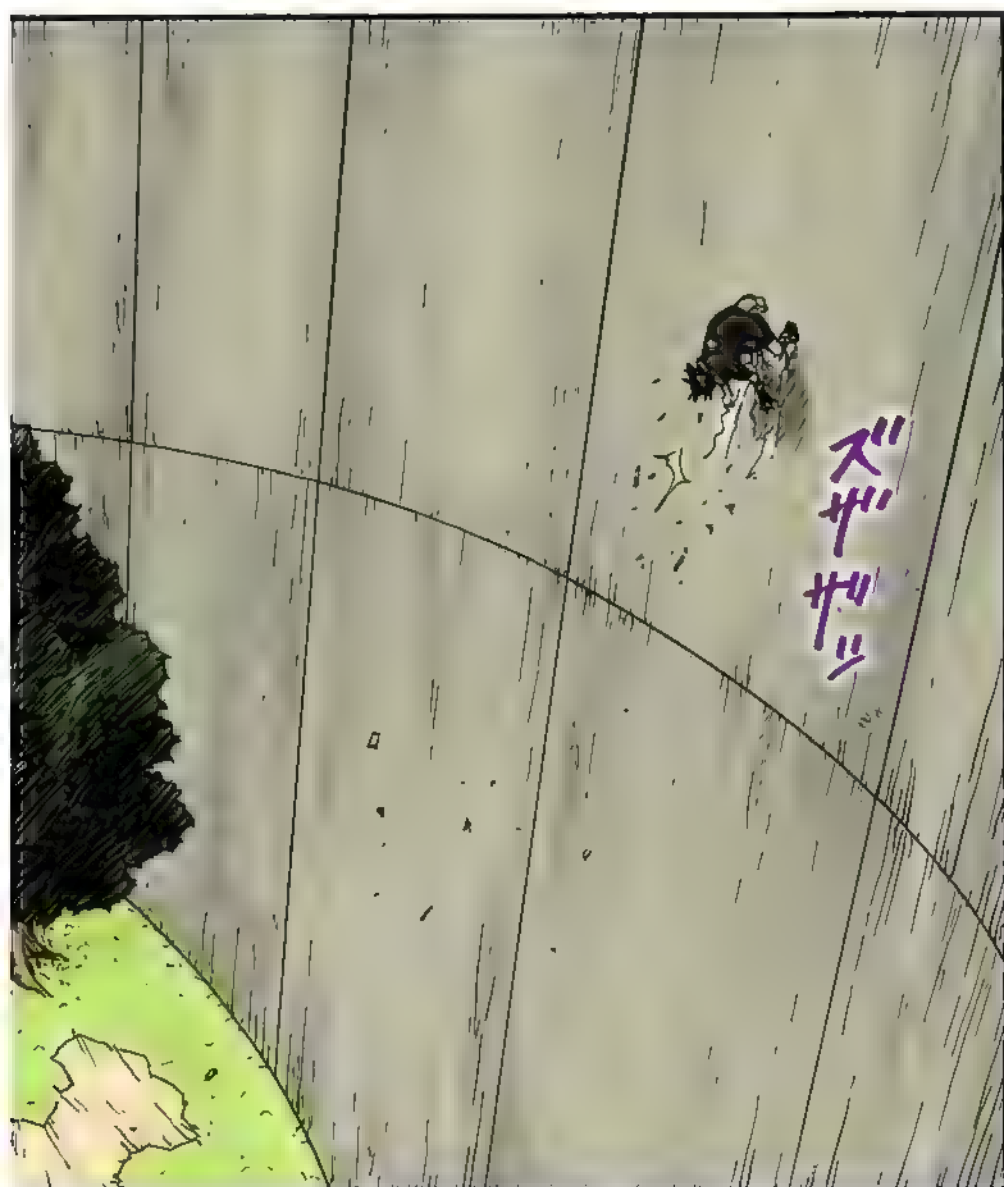


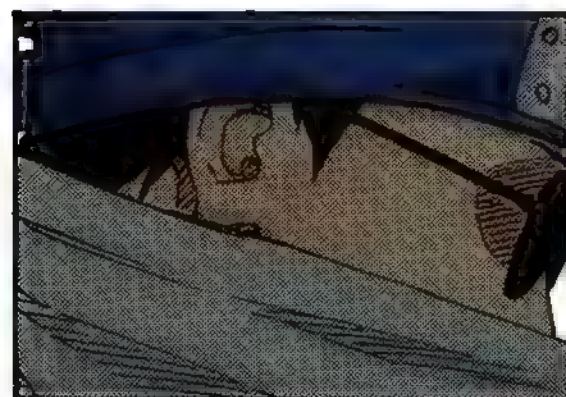
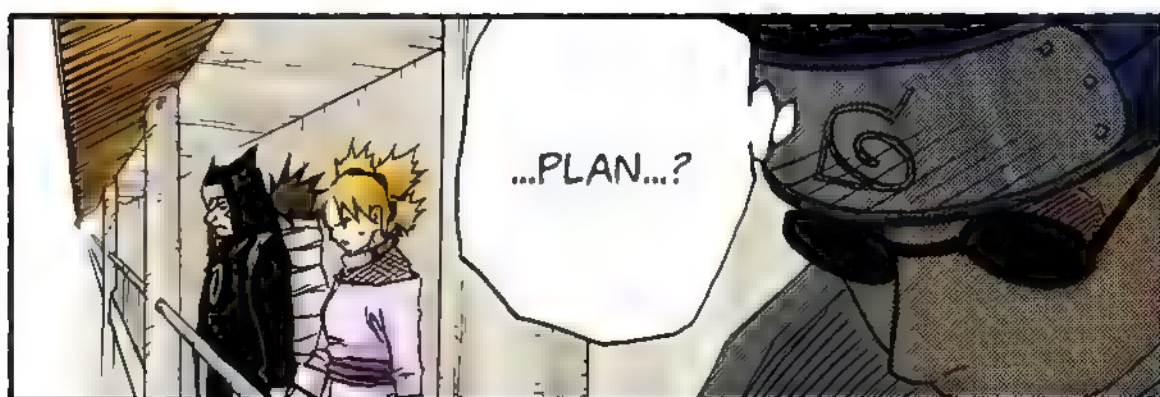
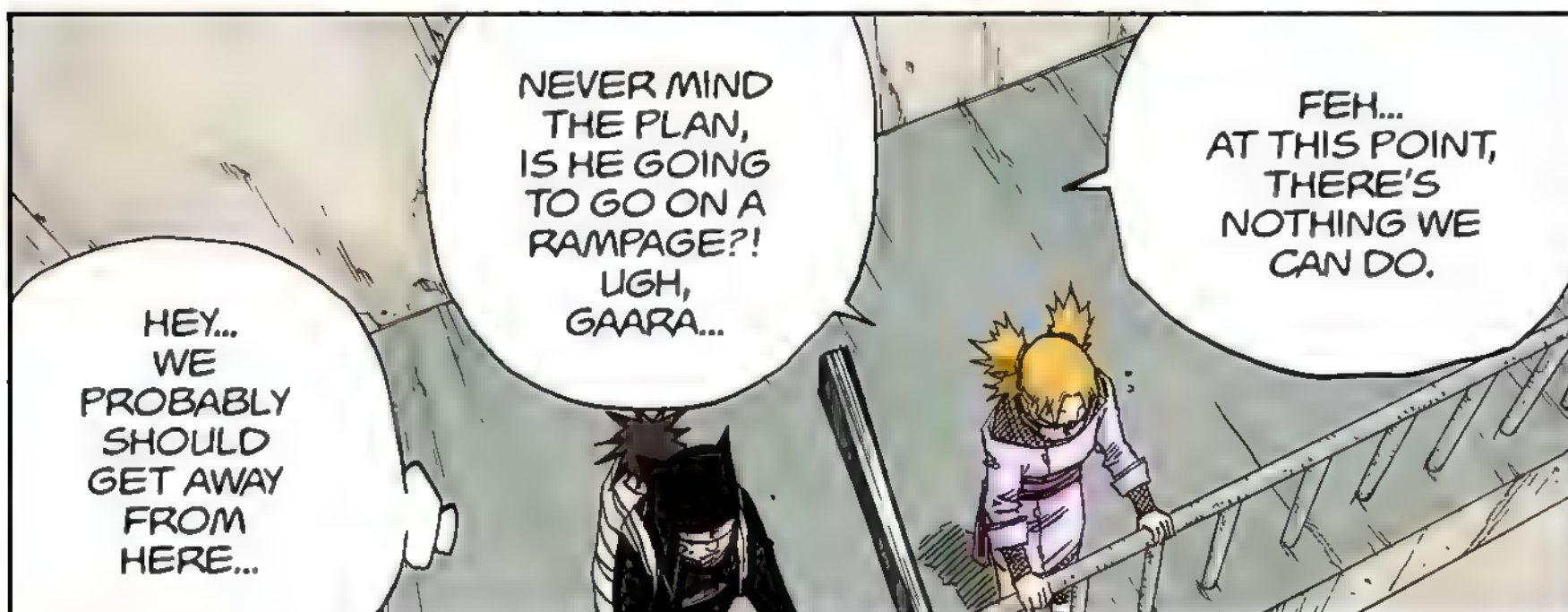
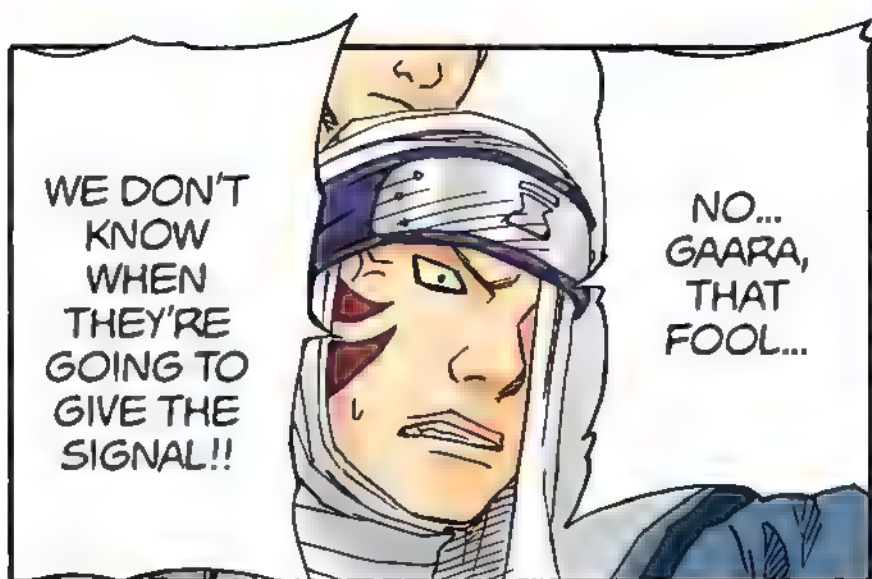
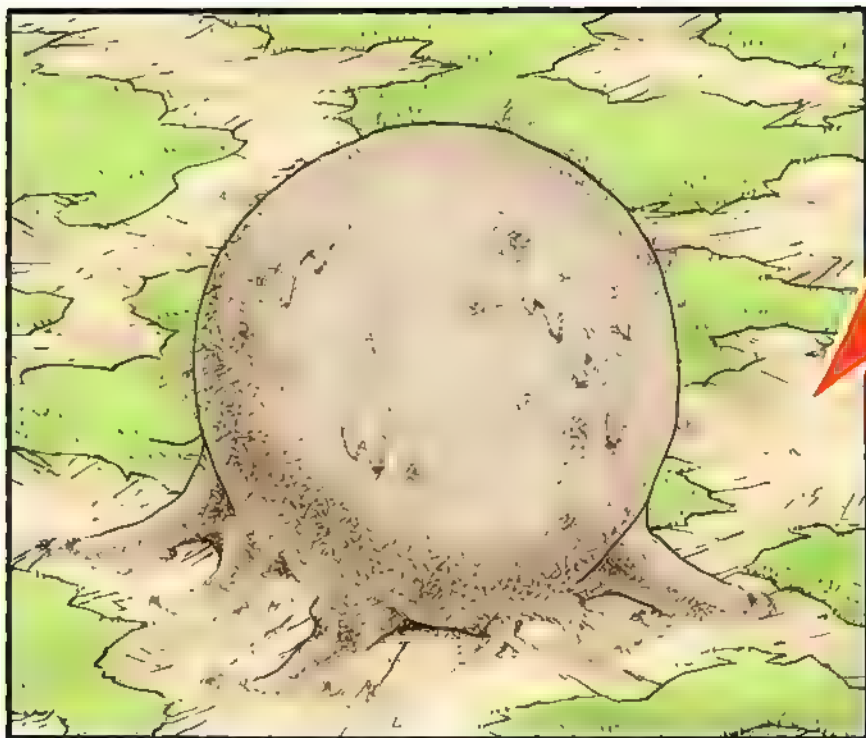


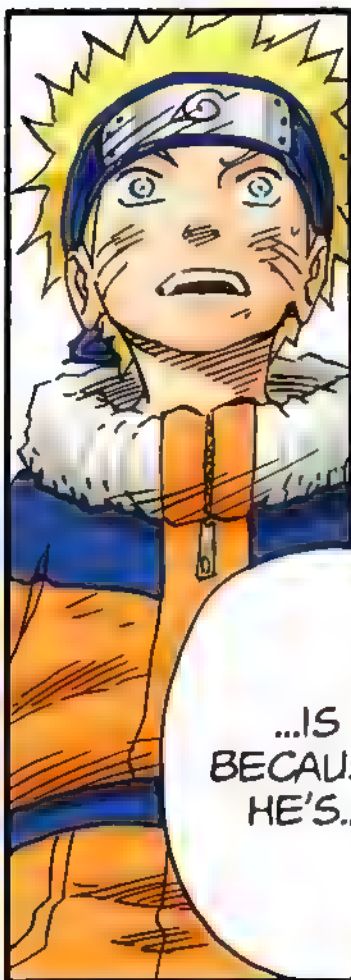
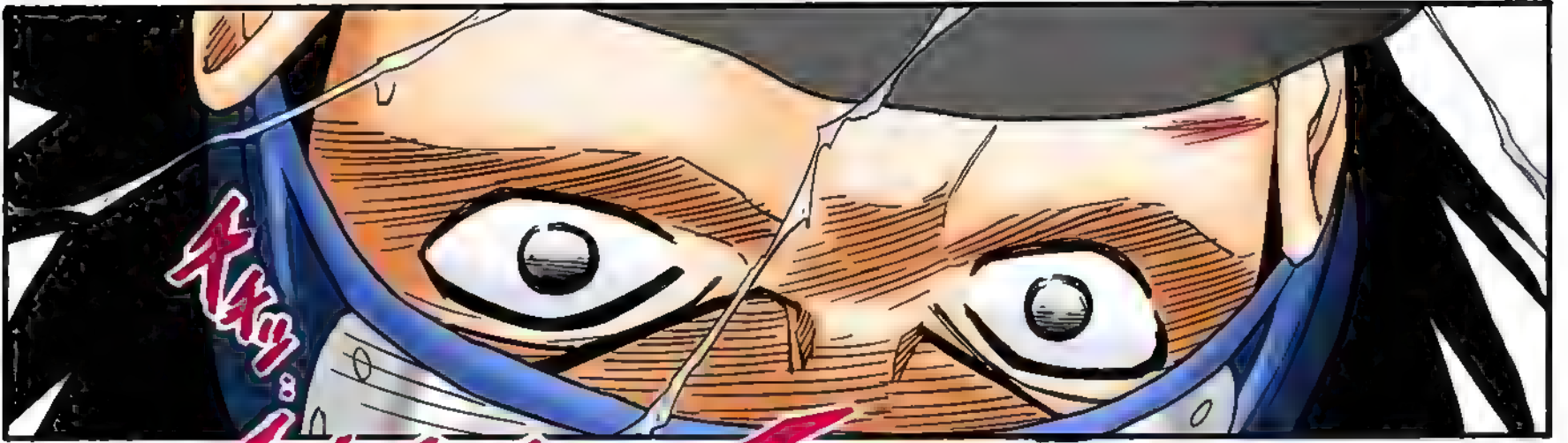












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BECAUSE
HE'S...

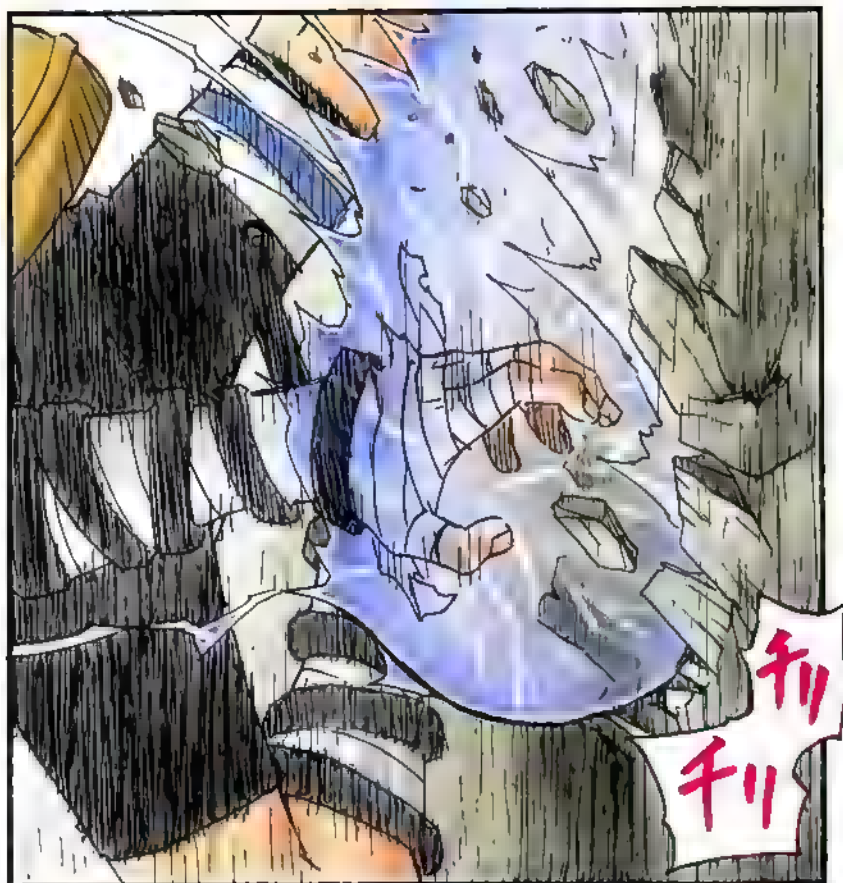


THE
REASON
I TOOK
SASUKE
UNDER MY
WING...



D-DON'T
TELL ME
THAT'S...





FLESH
ACTIVATION?!



YUP!



...AND
INCREASE
HIS SPEED
SO
MUCH...!



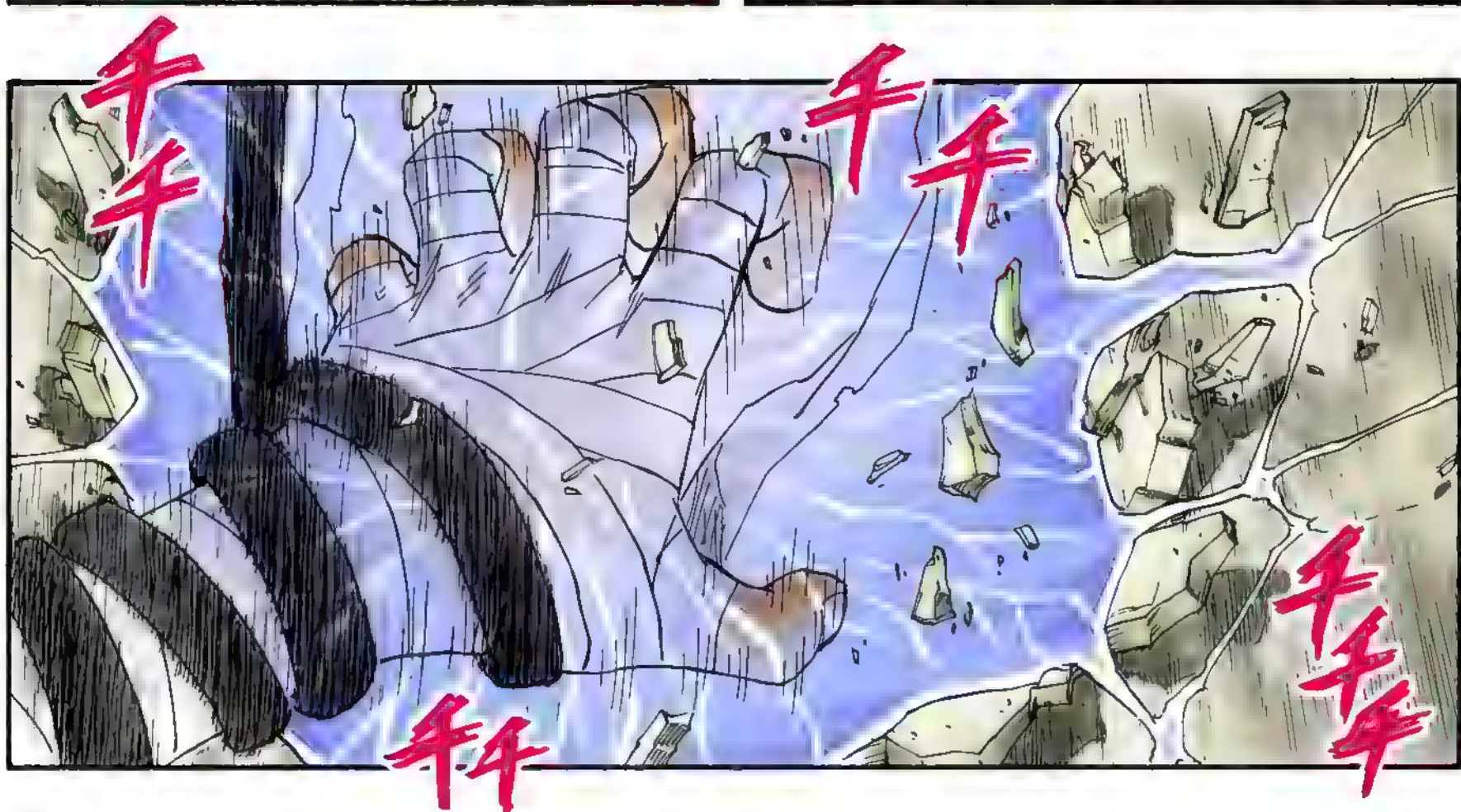
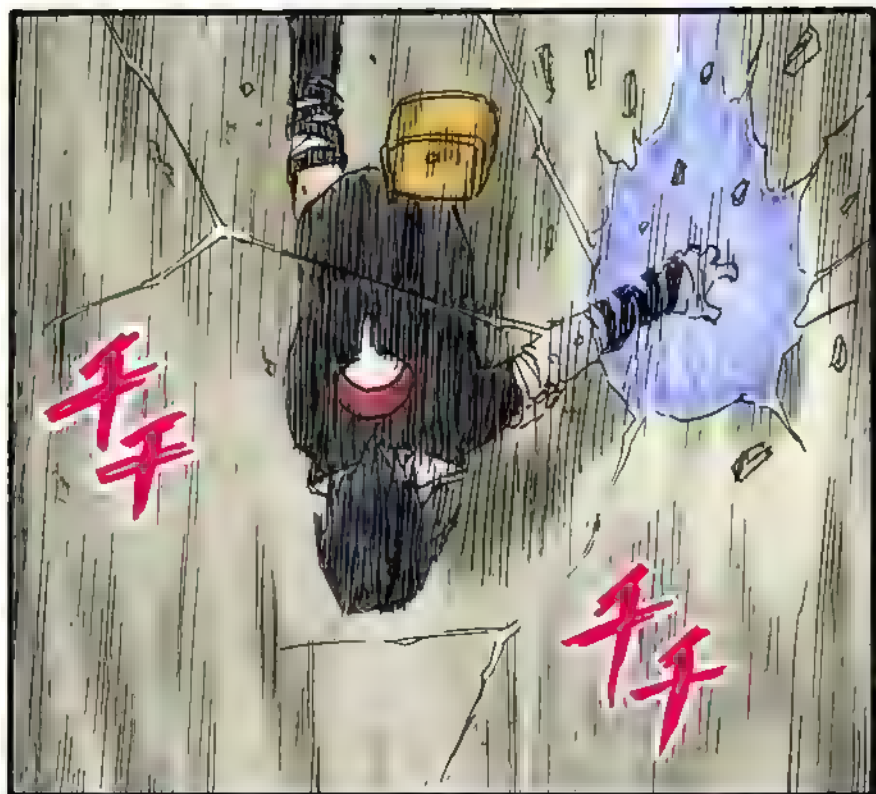
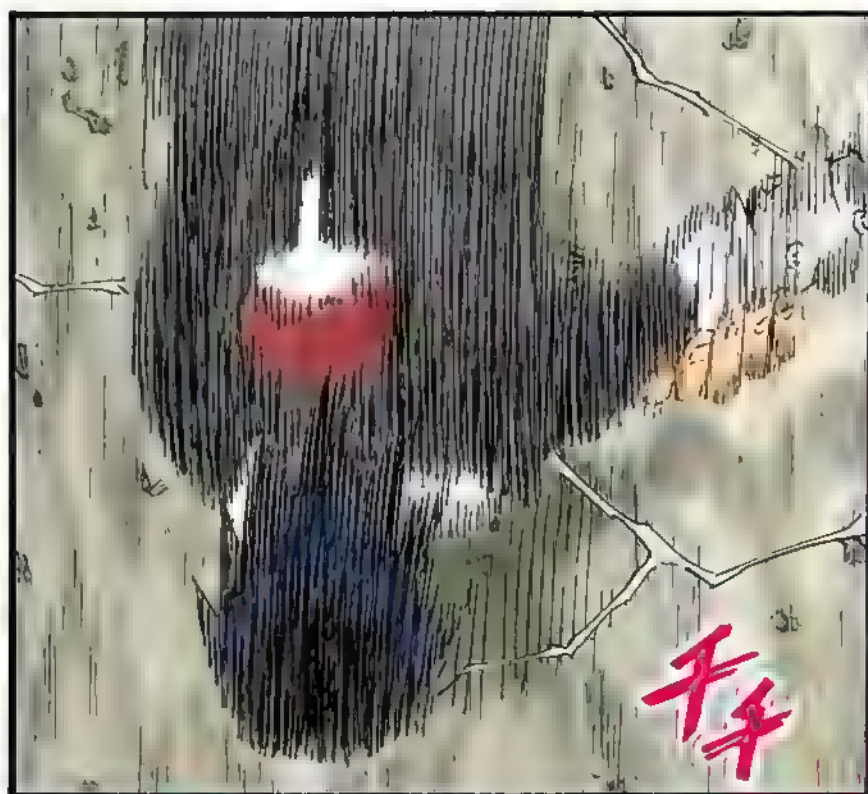
I SEE, SO
THAT'S WHY
YOU HAD HIM
FOCUS ON
TAIJUTSU...



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I'M GOING
TO TEAR
HIS HEAD
OFF...

UH-HUH
...



...AND I'LL
GIVE IT
ALL TO
YOU.

IF I DO
THAT, HE'LL
BLEED A
LOT...

HUH?
HIS HEAD,
I SAID...

...AND
CRACK IT
OPEN AND
SPILL HIS
BRAINS.



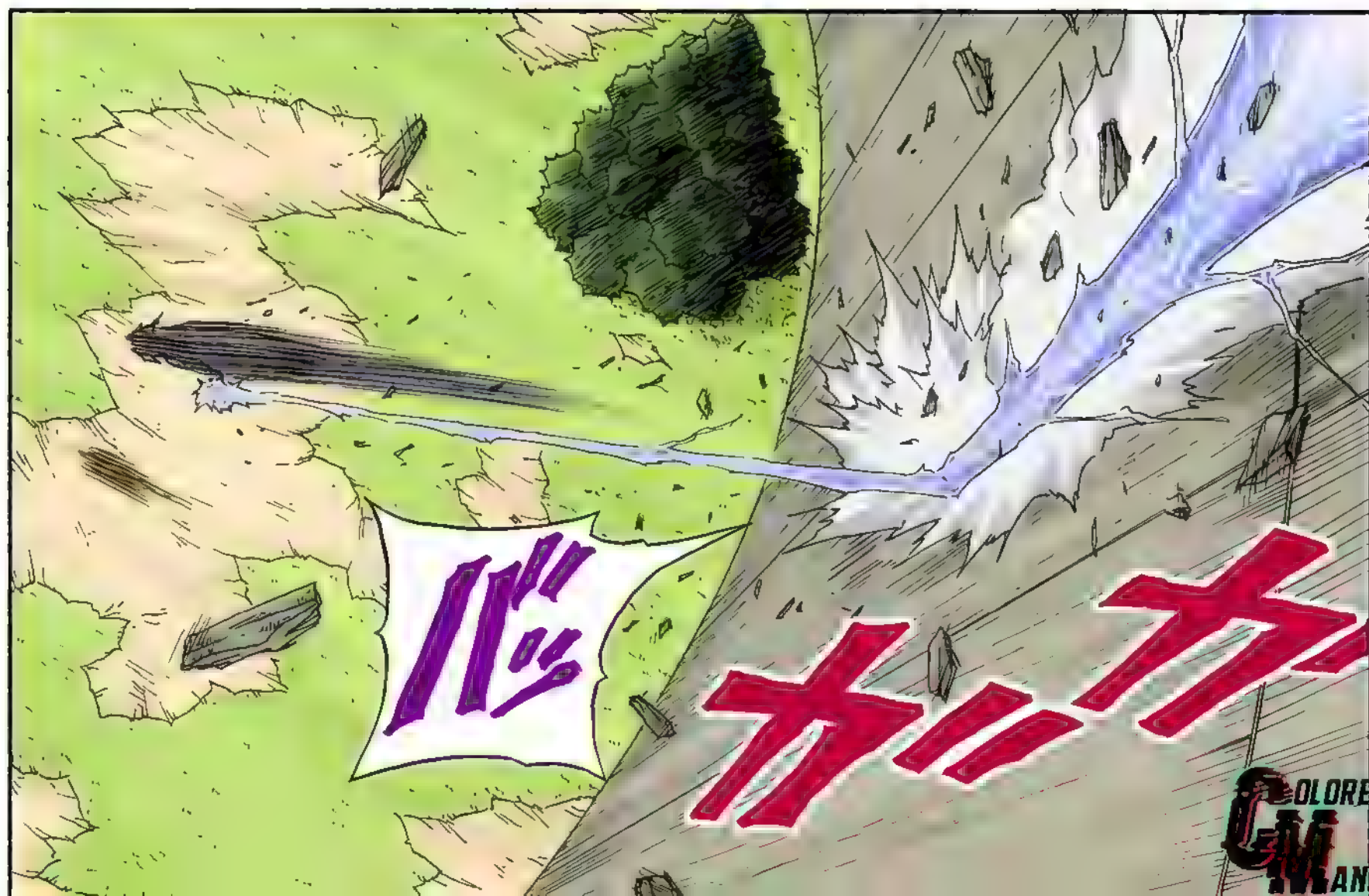
I'M
ALWAYS
A GOOD
BOY...

HEH
HEH!



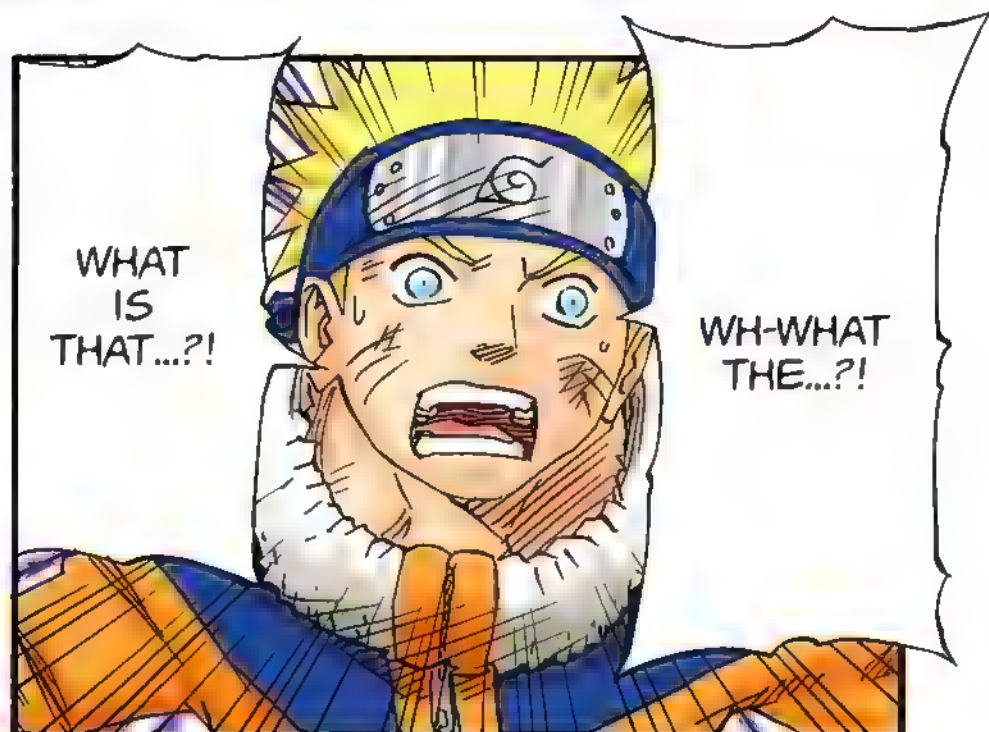
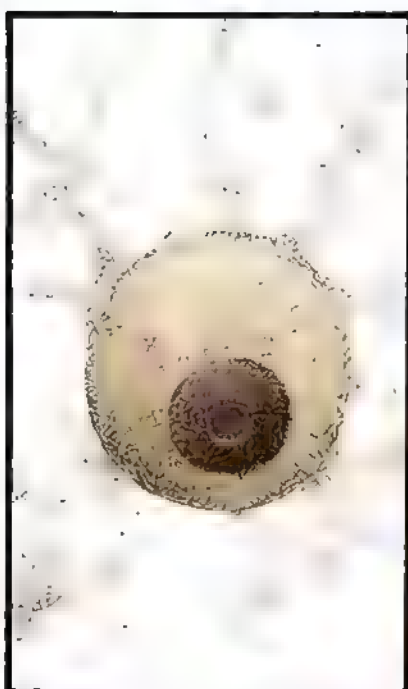
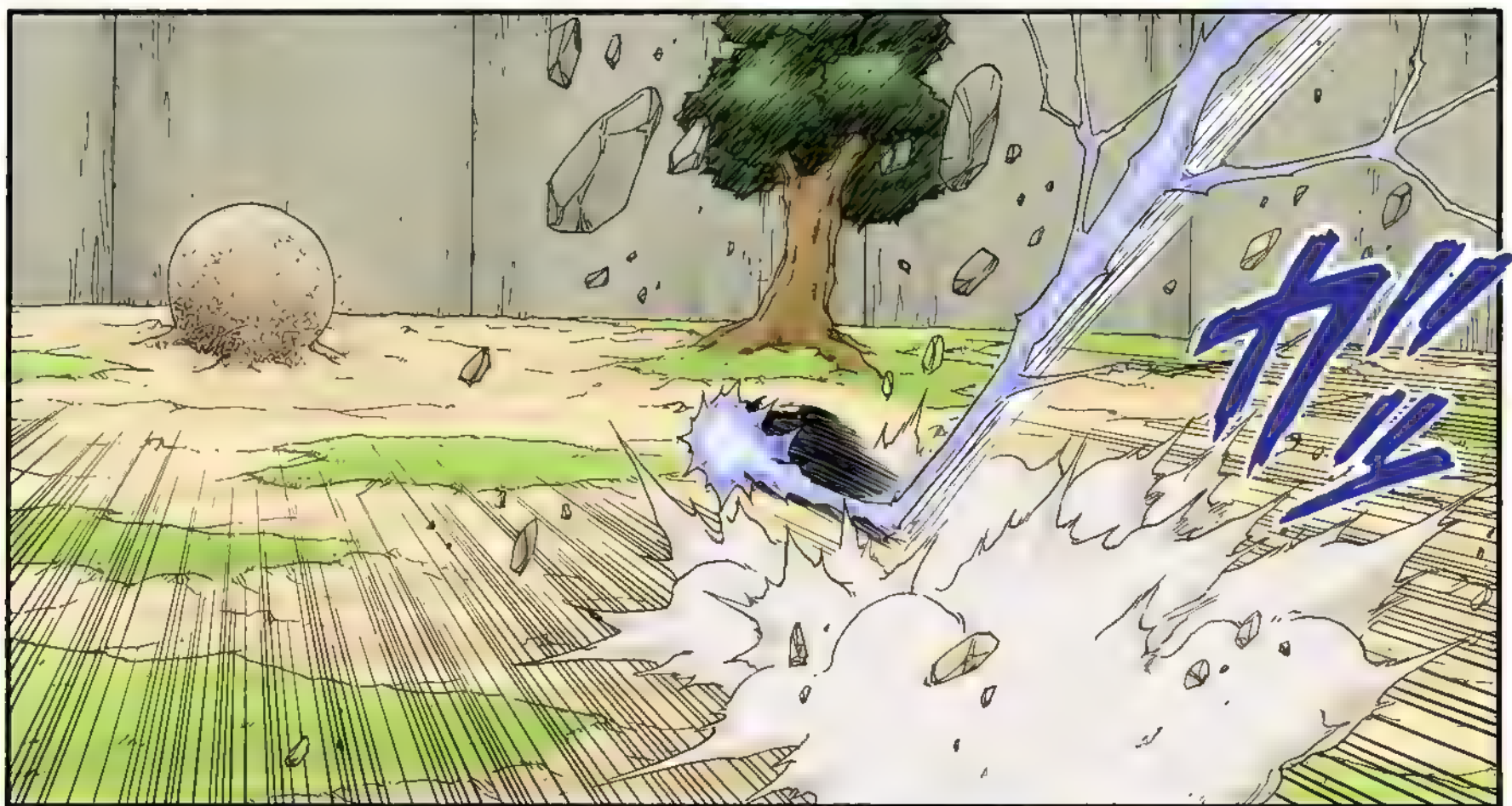
I'LL
WATCH.

UH-HUH,
LET'S DO
IT!
MOTHER...



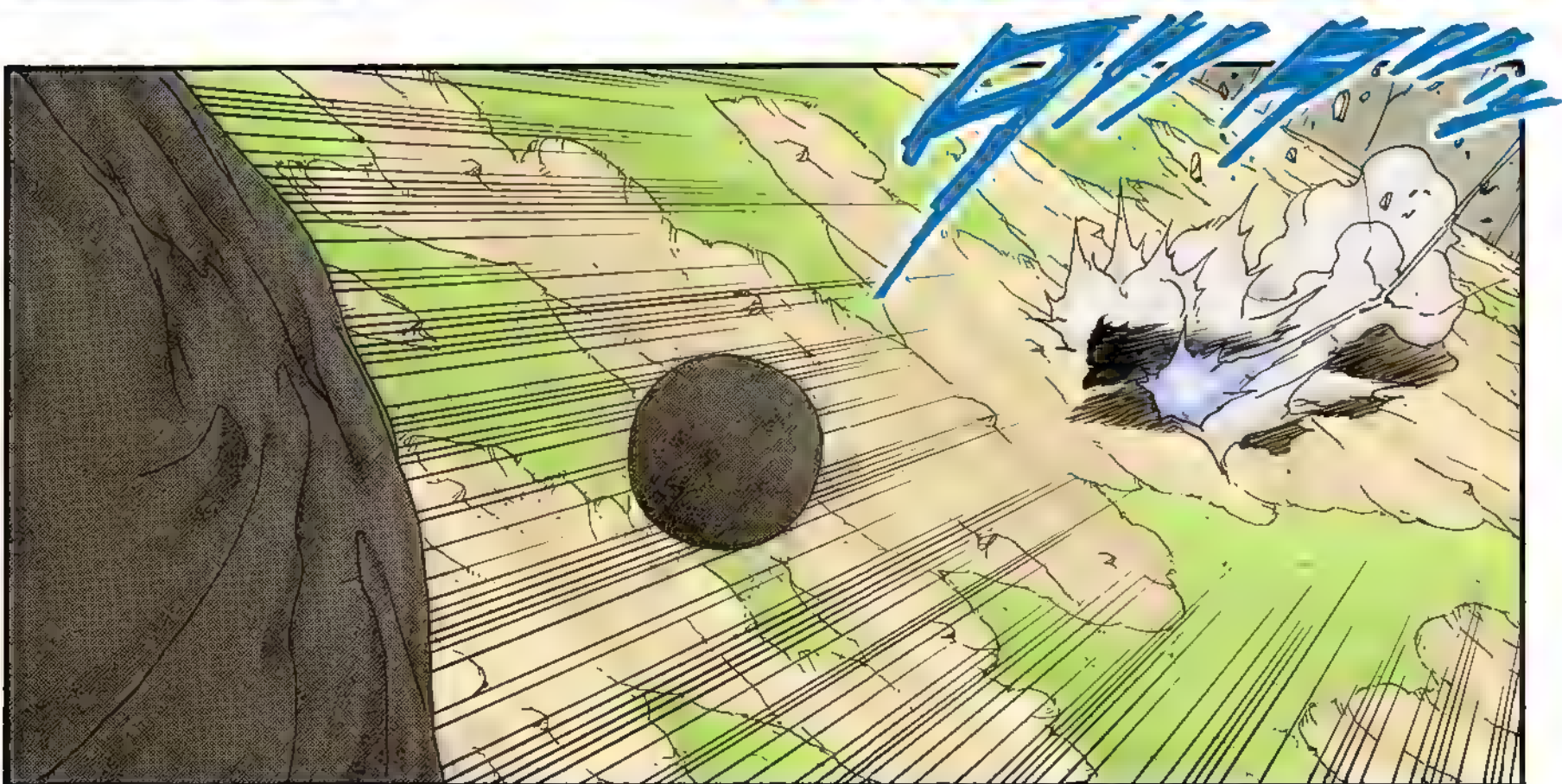
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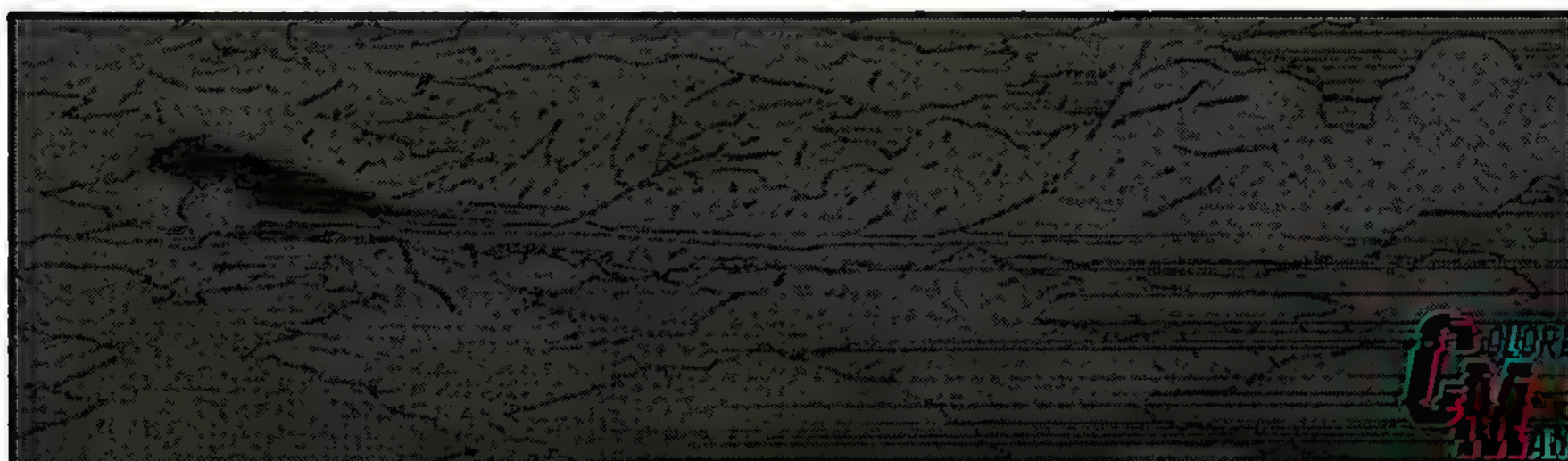
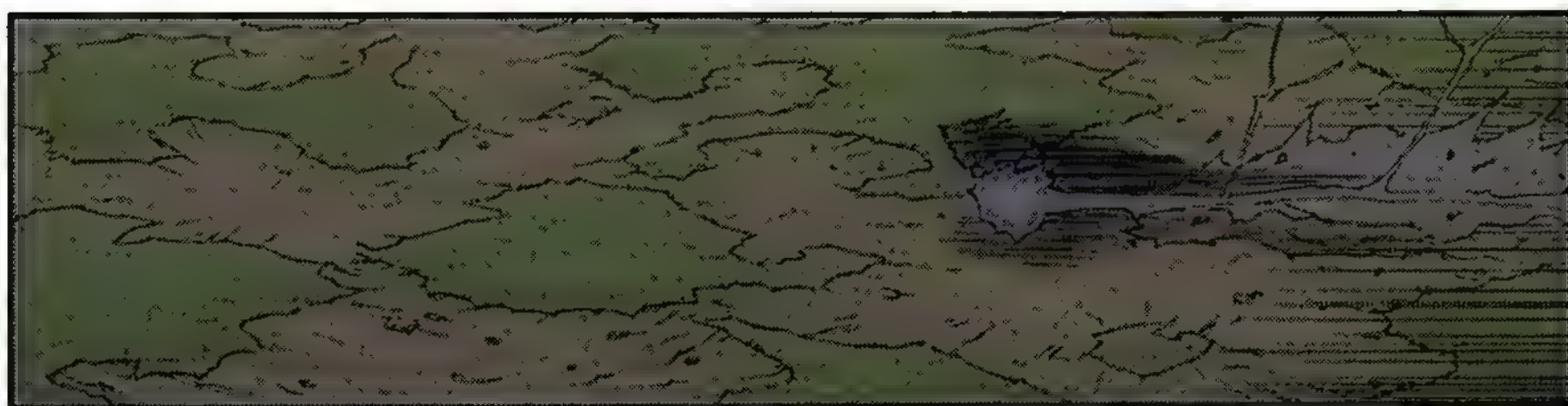
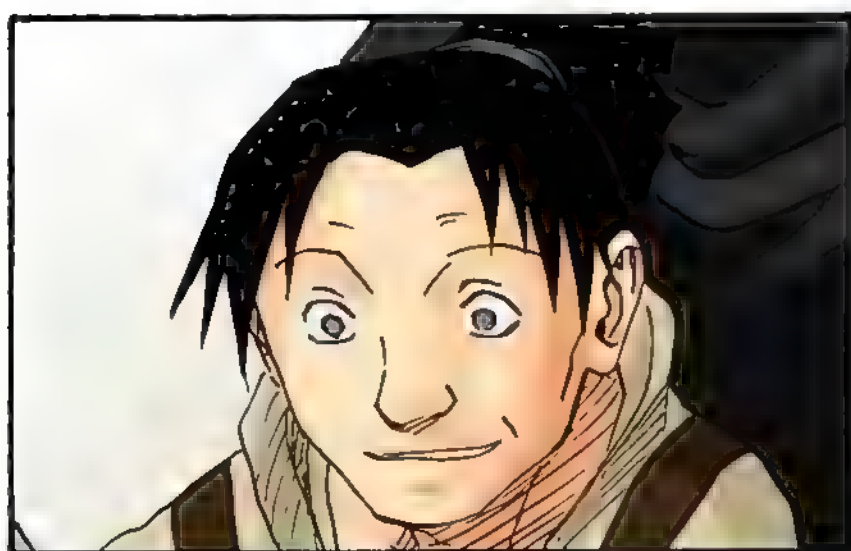
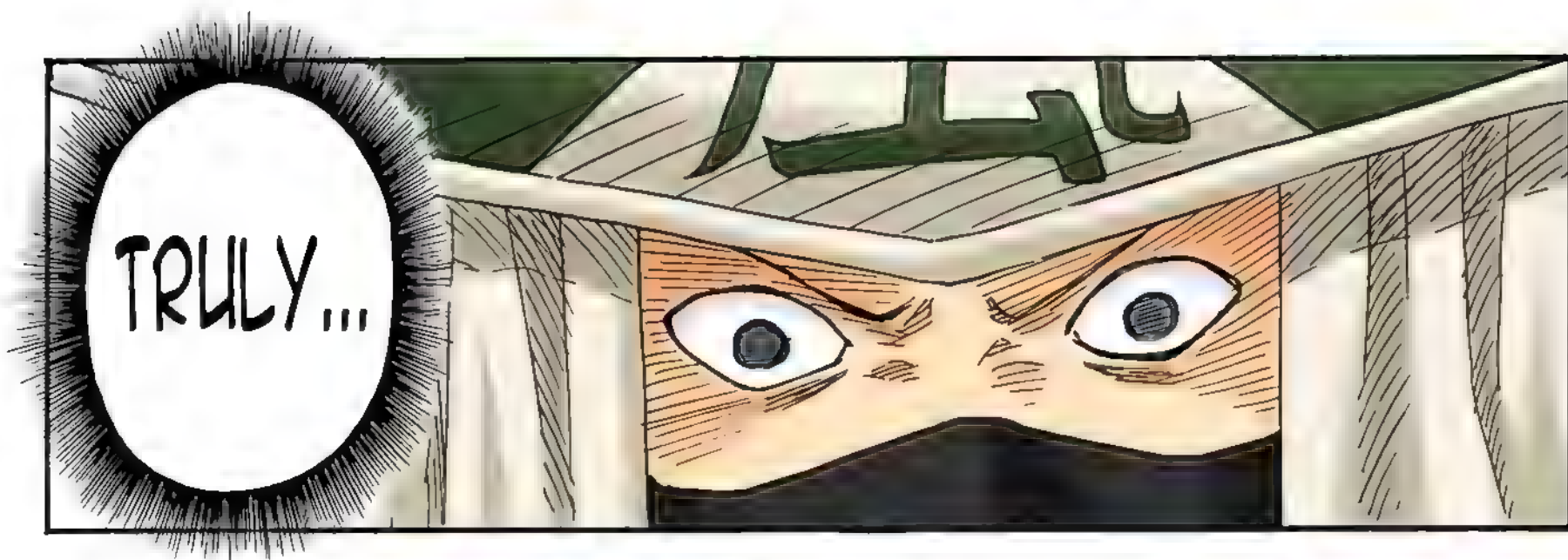
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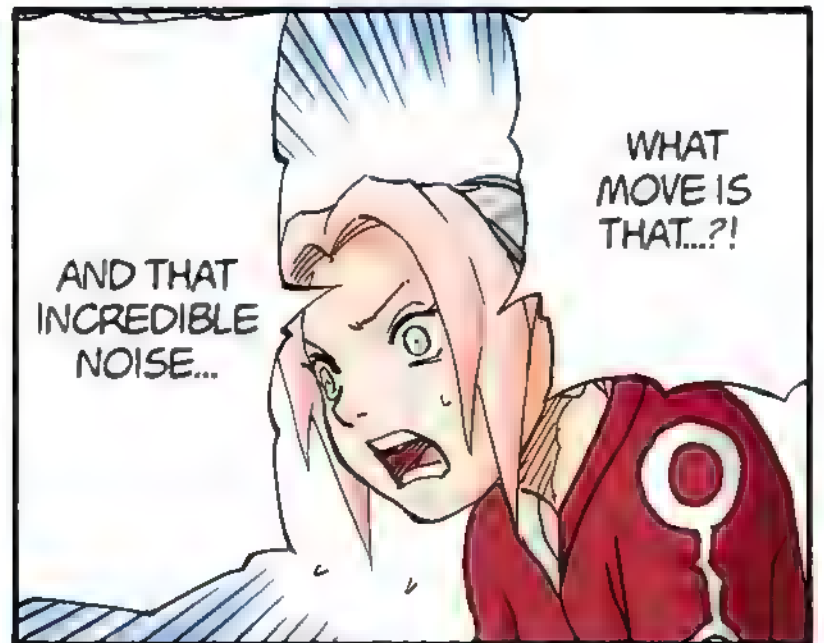
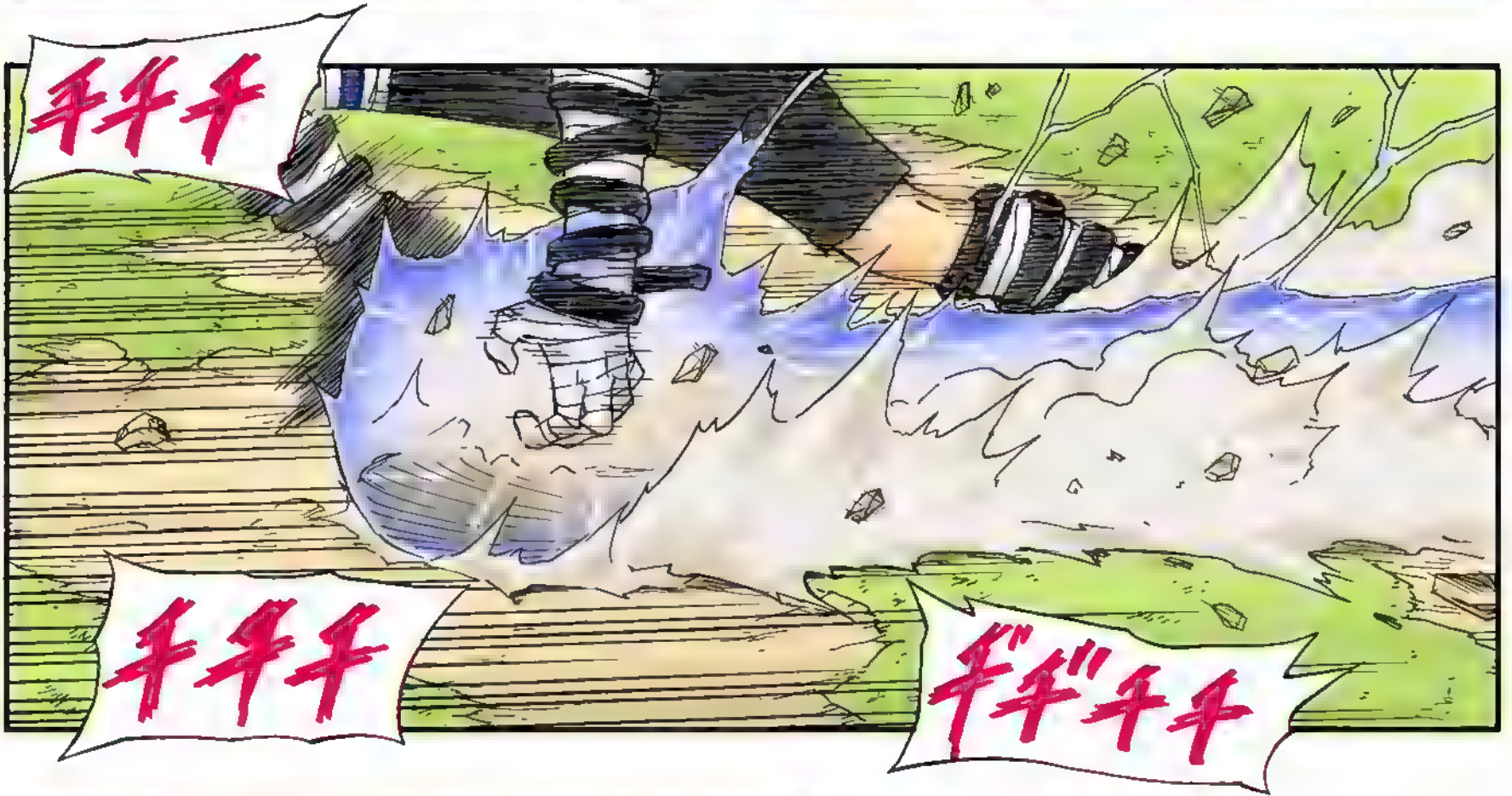
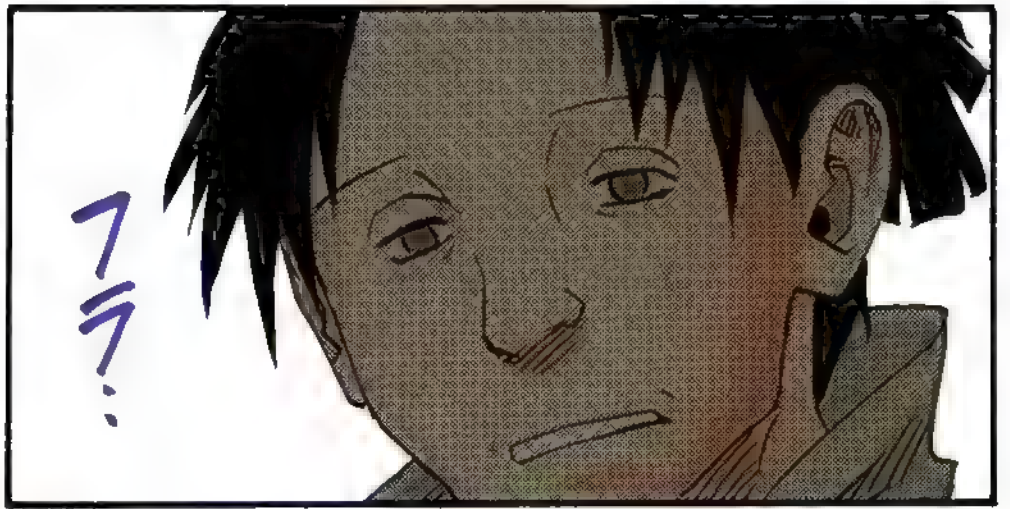


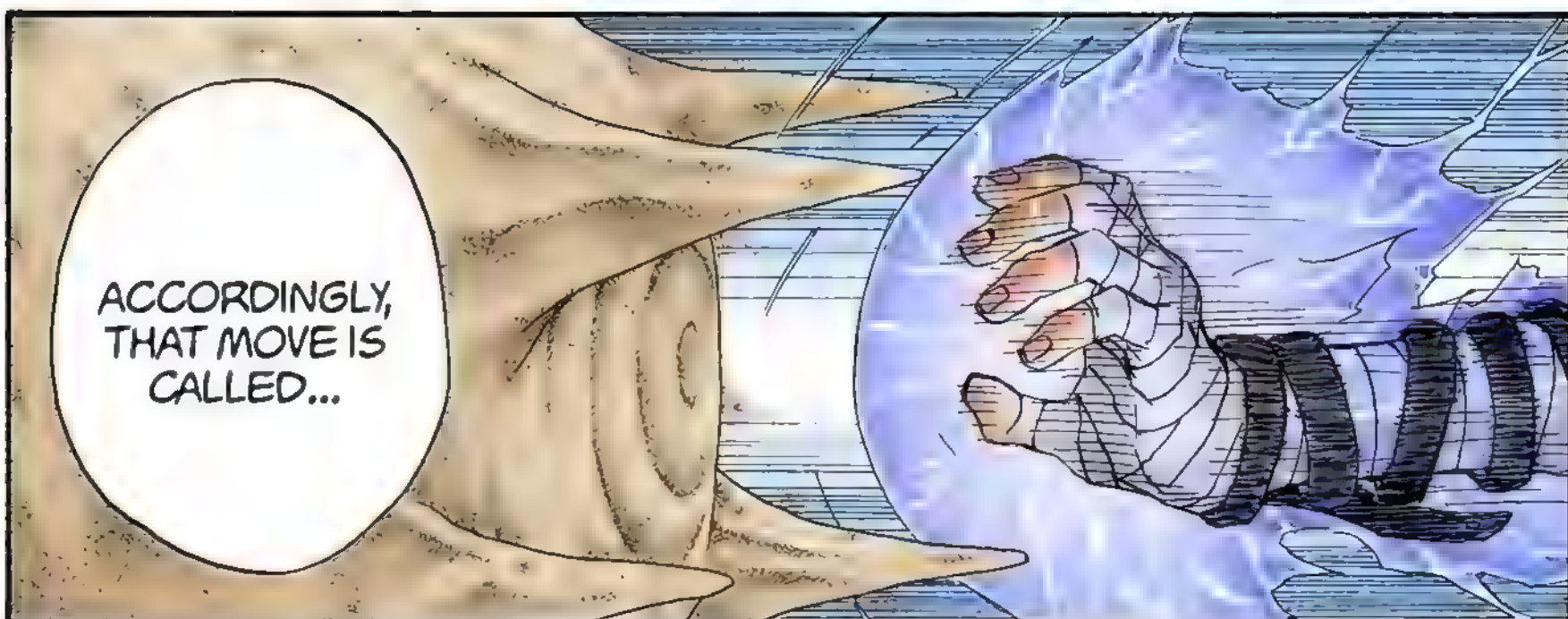
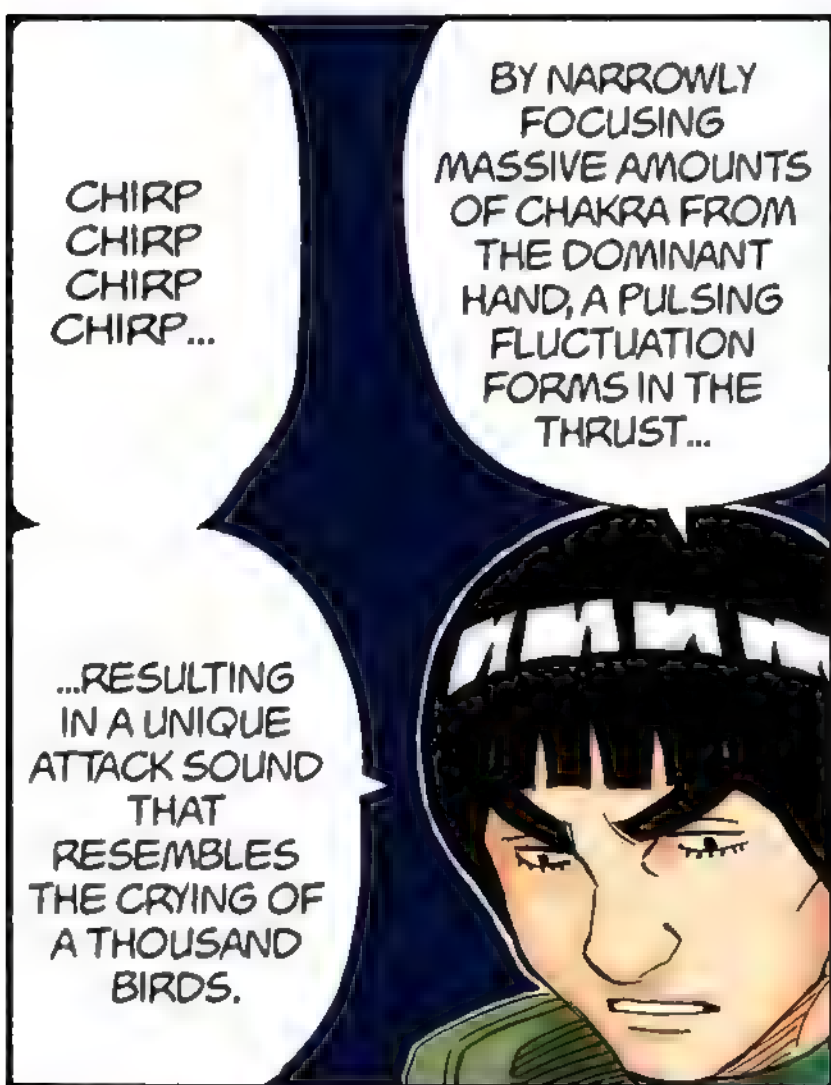
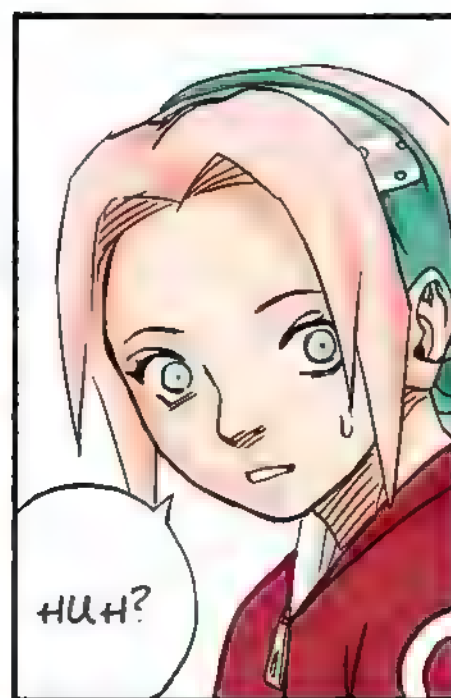
WHAT
IS
THAT...?!

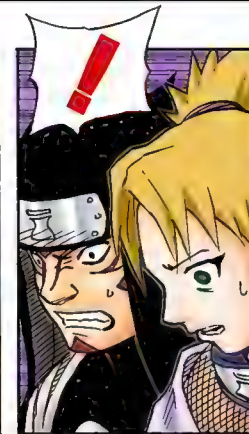
WH-WHAT
THE...?!







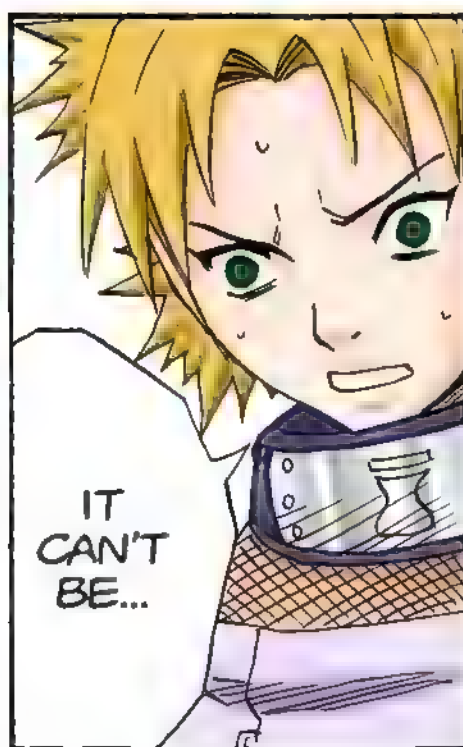
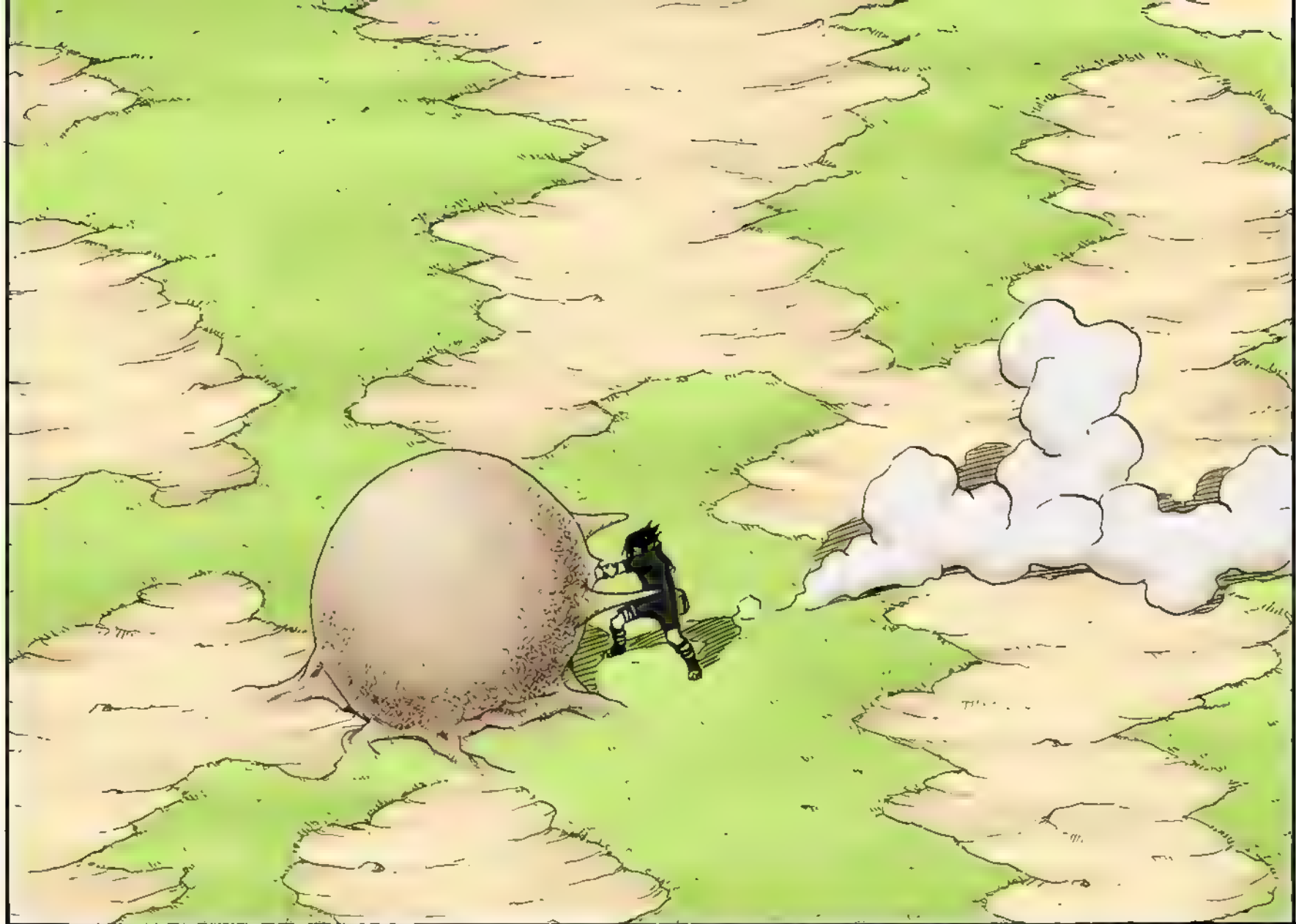


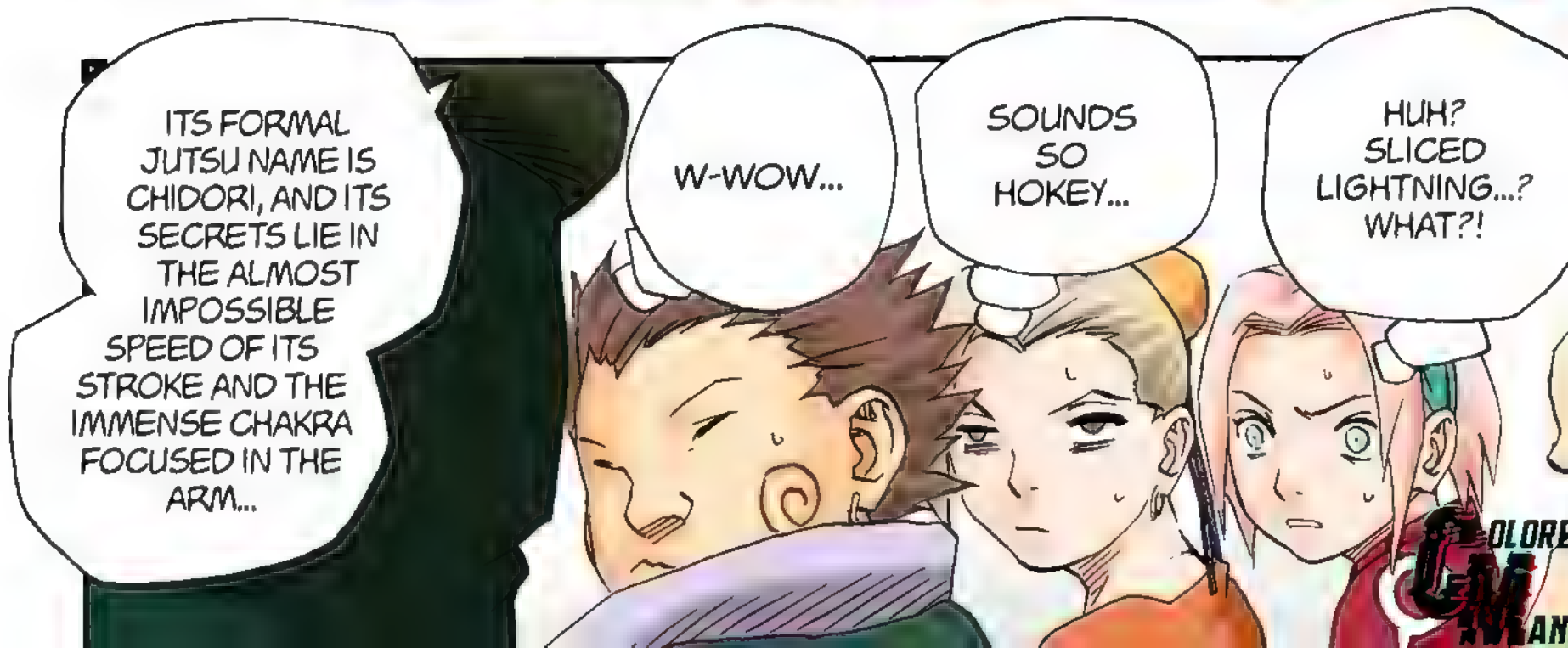
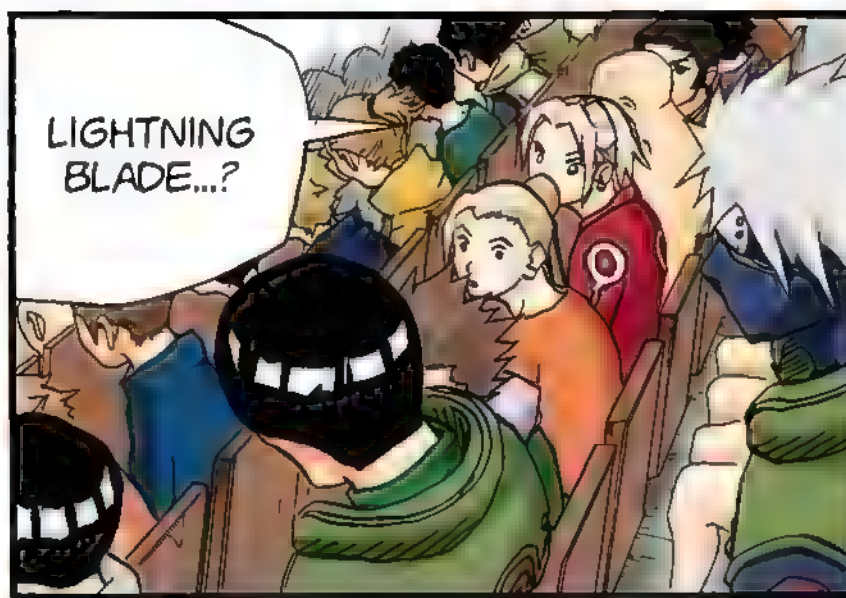
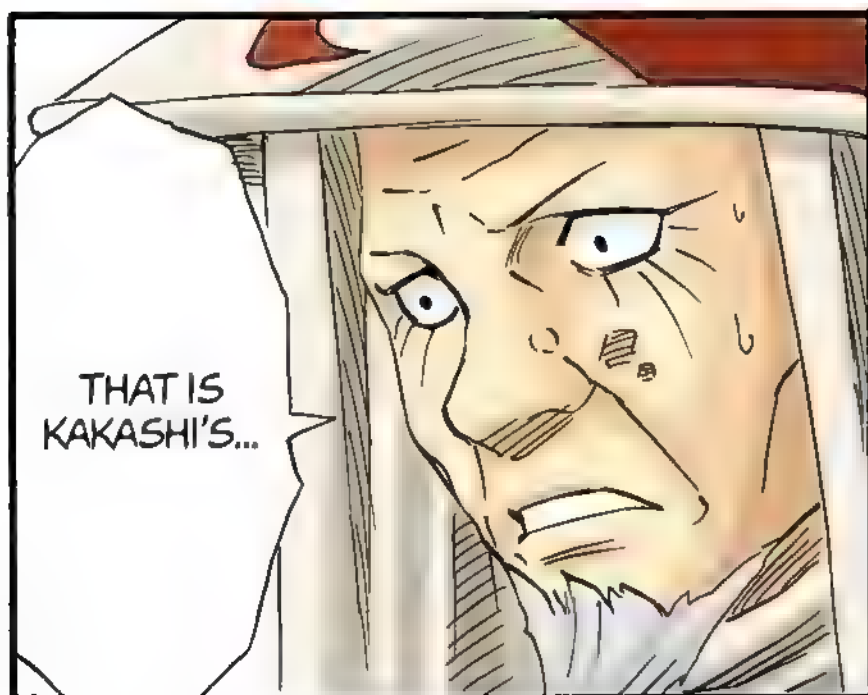


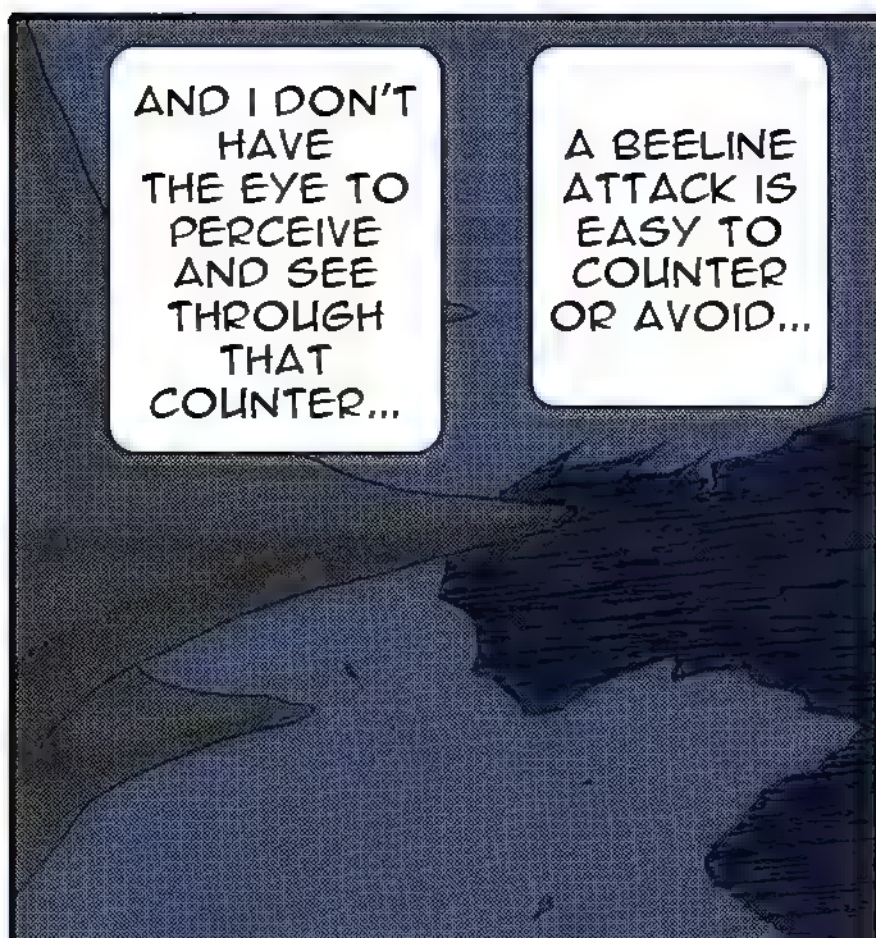
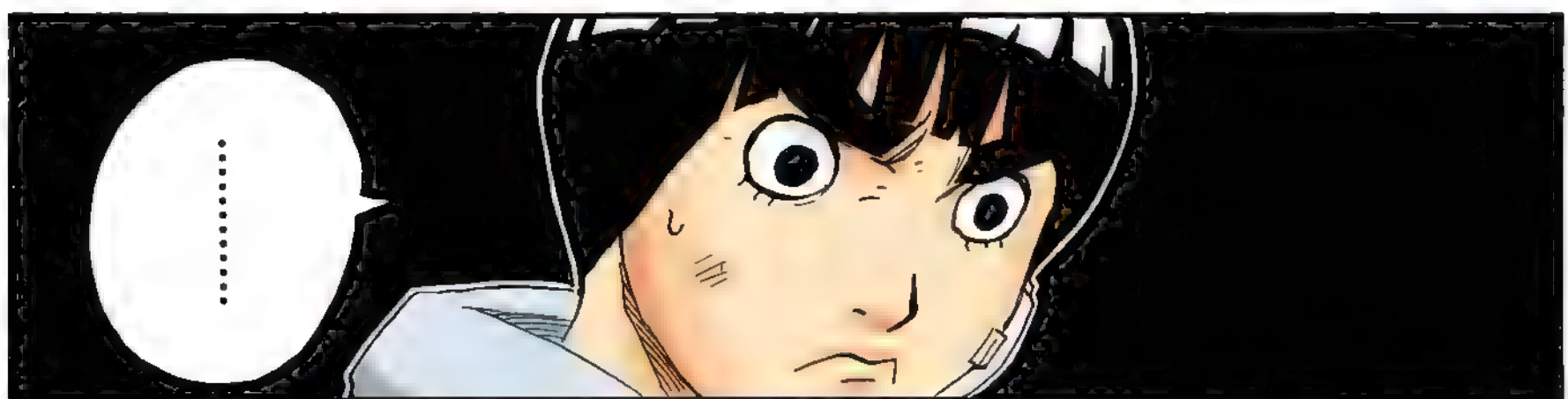
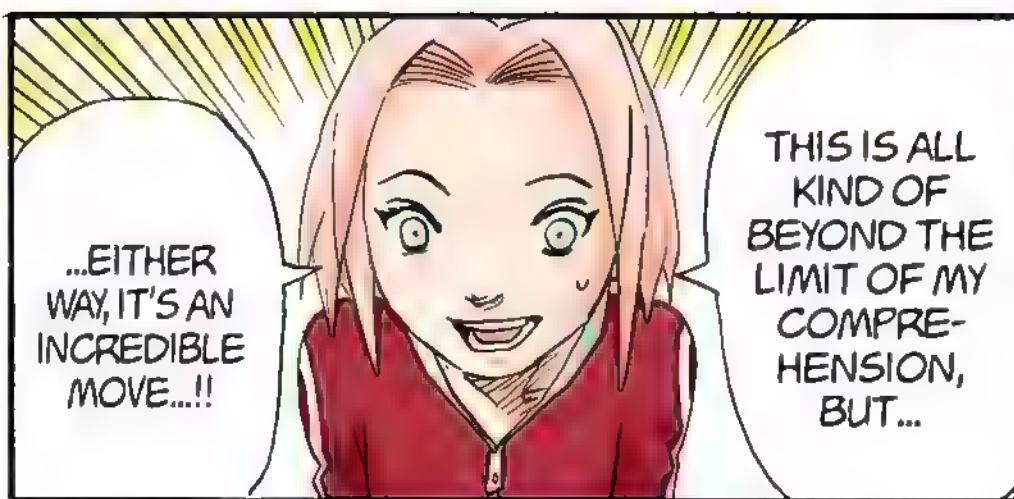
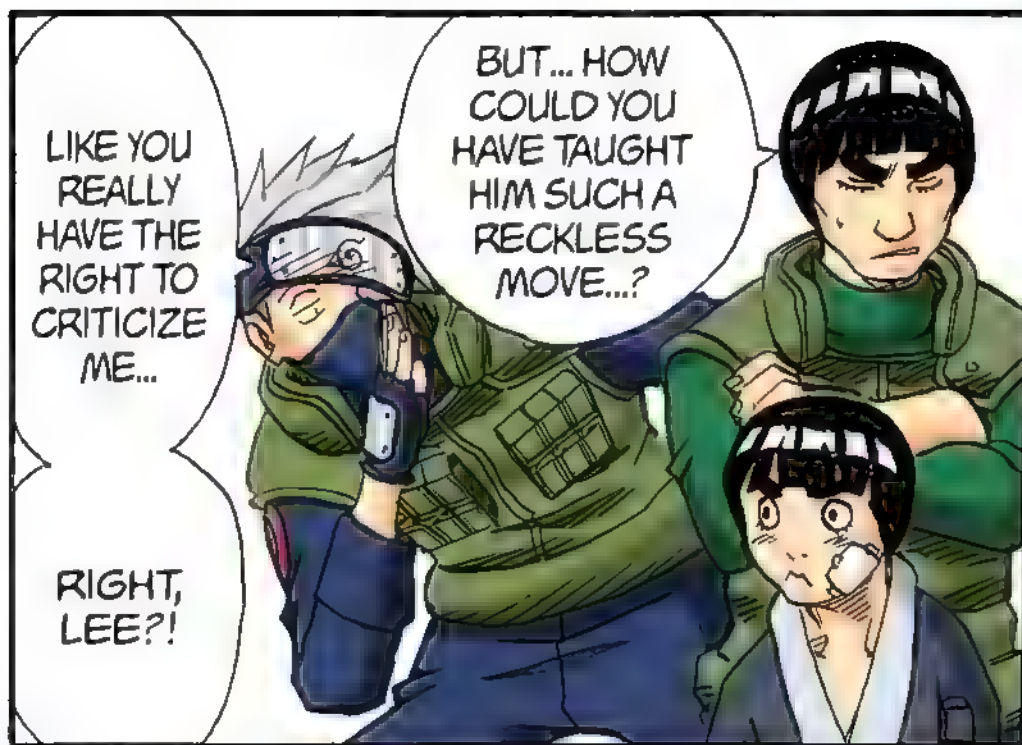
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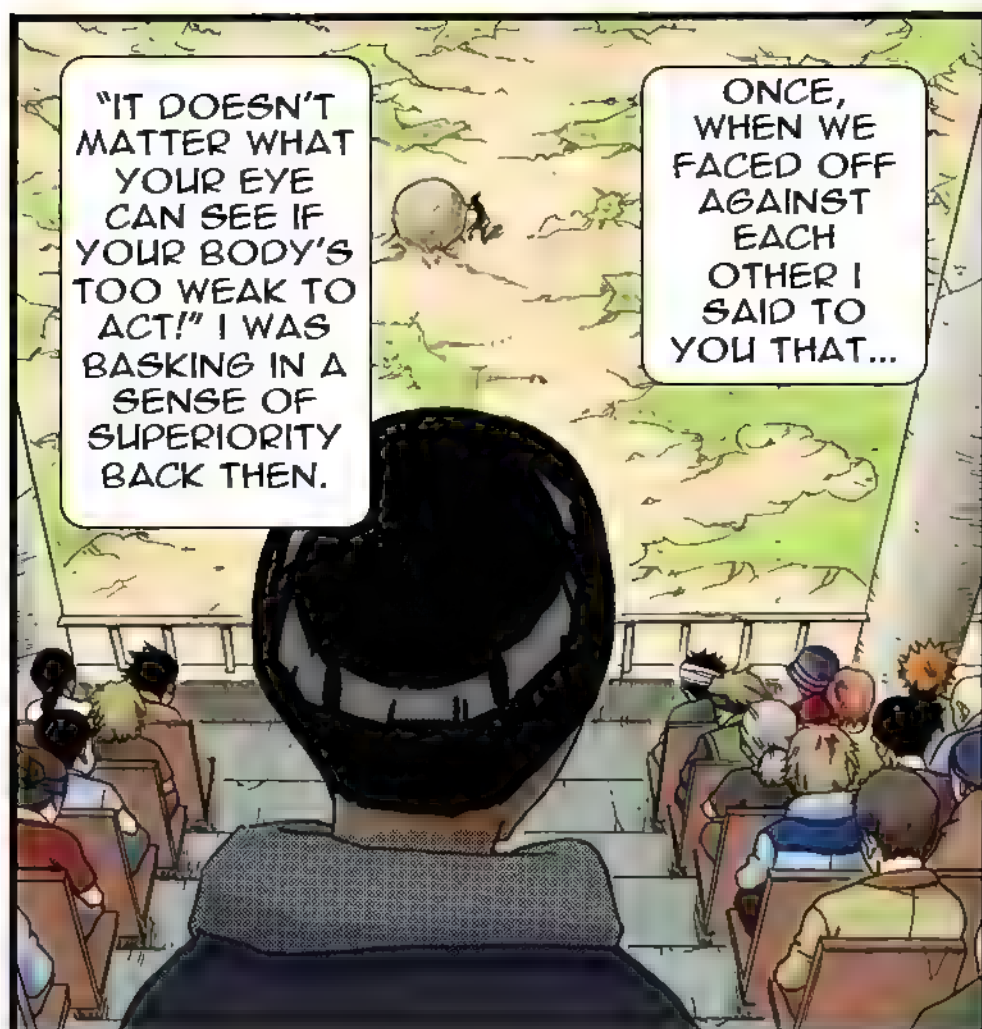
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"IT DOESN'T
MATTER WHAT
YOUR EYE
CAN SEE IF
YOUR BODY'S
TOO WEAK TO
ACT!" I WAS
BASKING IN A
SENSE OF
SUPERIORITY
BACK THEN.

ONCE,
WHEN WE
FACED OFF
AGAINST
EACH
OTHER I
SAID TO
YOU THAT...



I
TRULY
ENVY
YOUR
GENES
...

SASUKE!



YOU'VE
ATTAINED
A HIGH-
SPEED
BODY JUST
LIKE MINE...

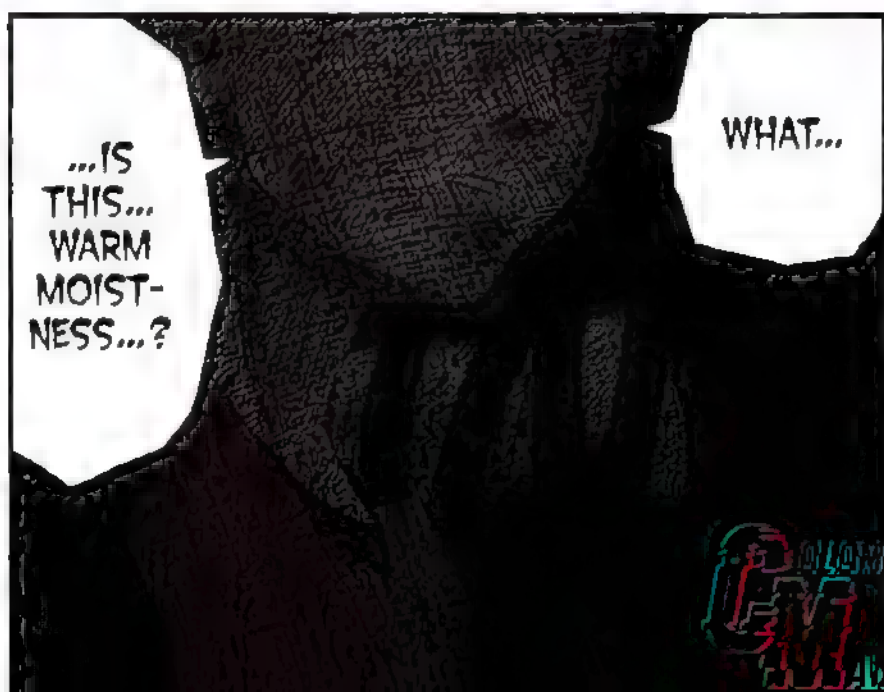
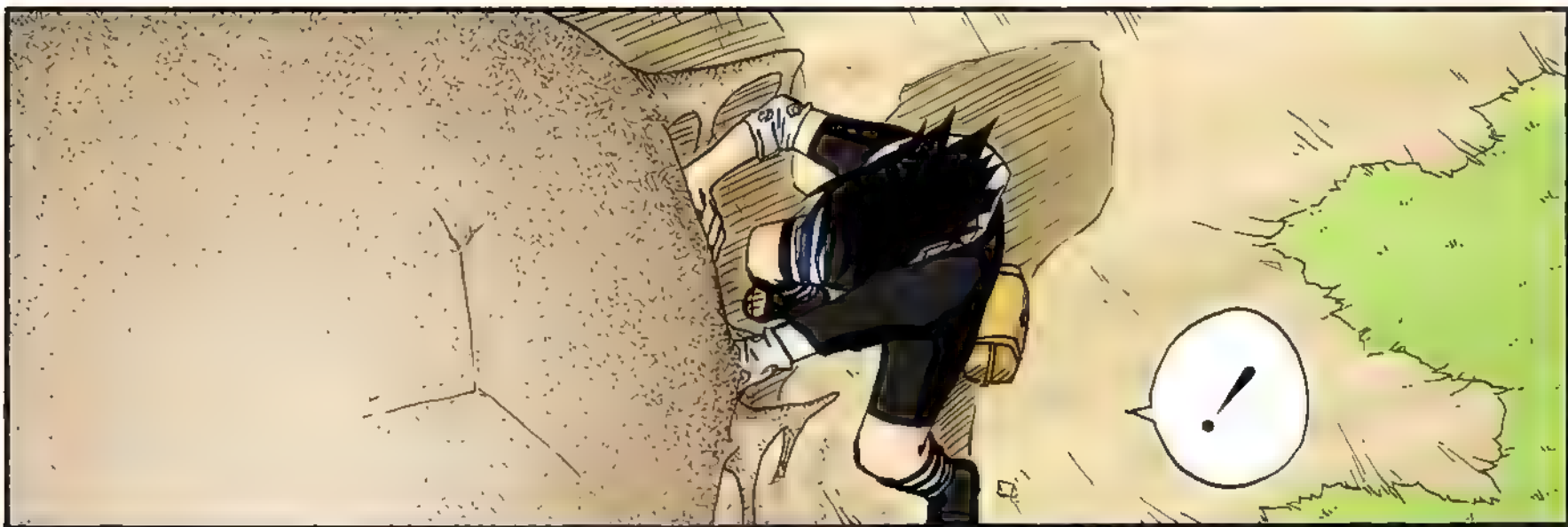
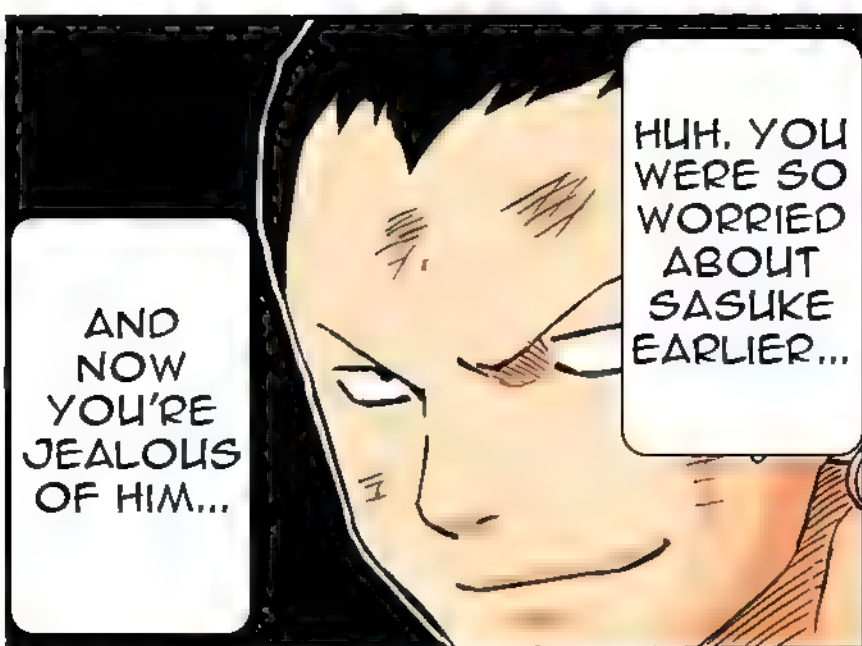
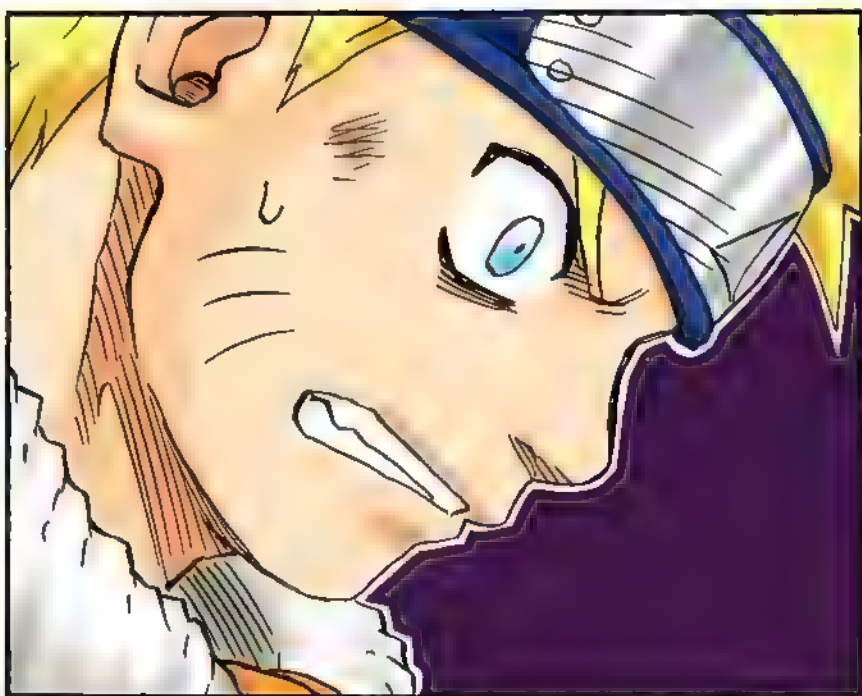


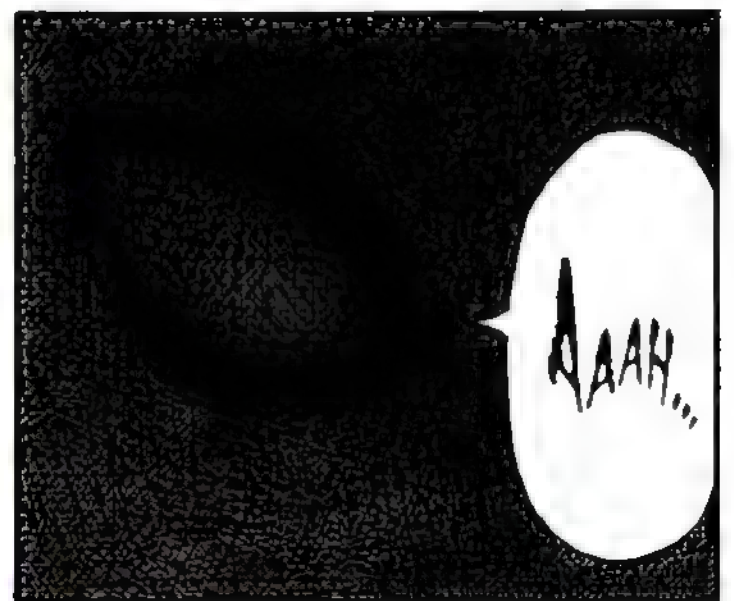
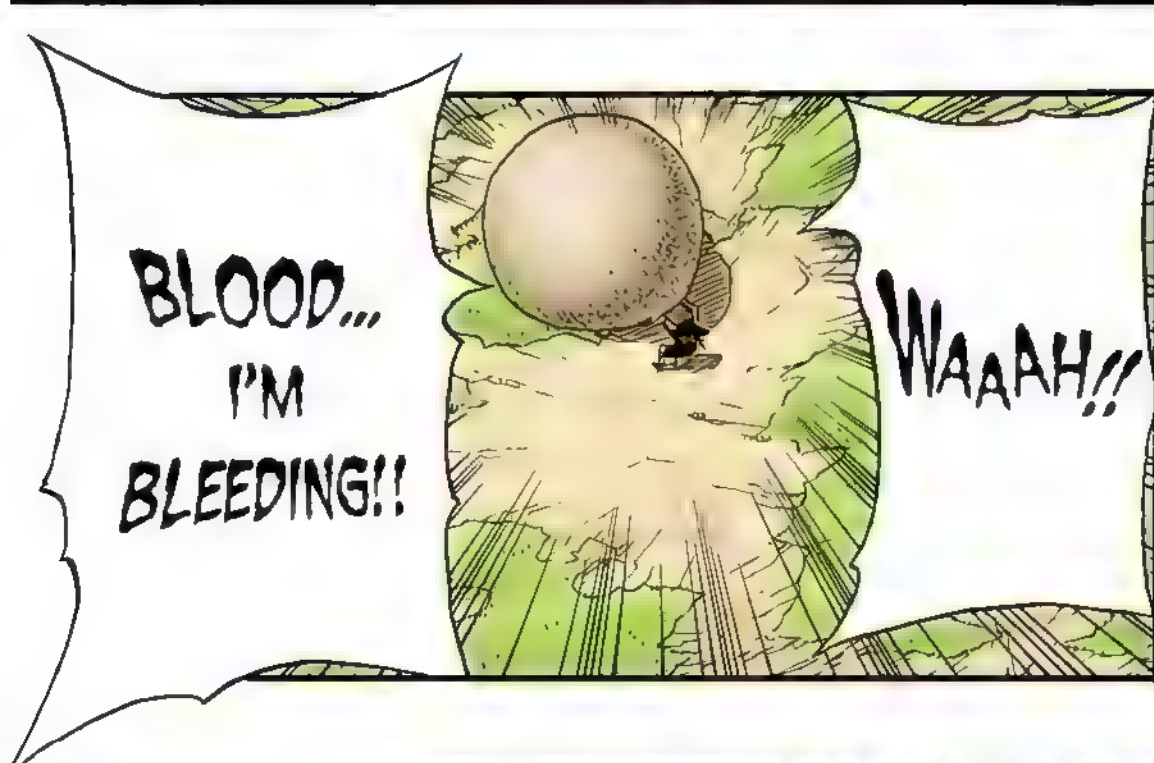
BUT NOW...



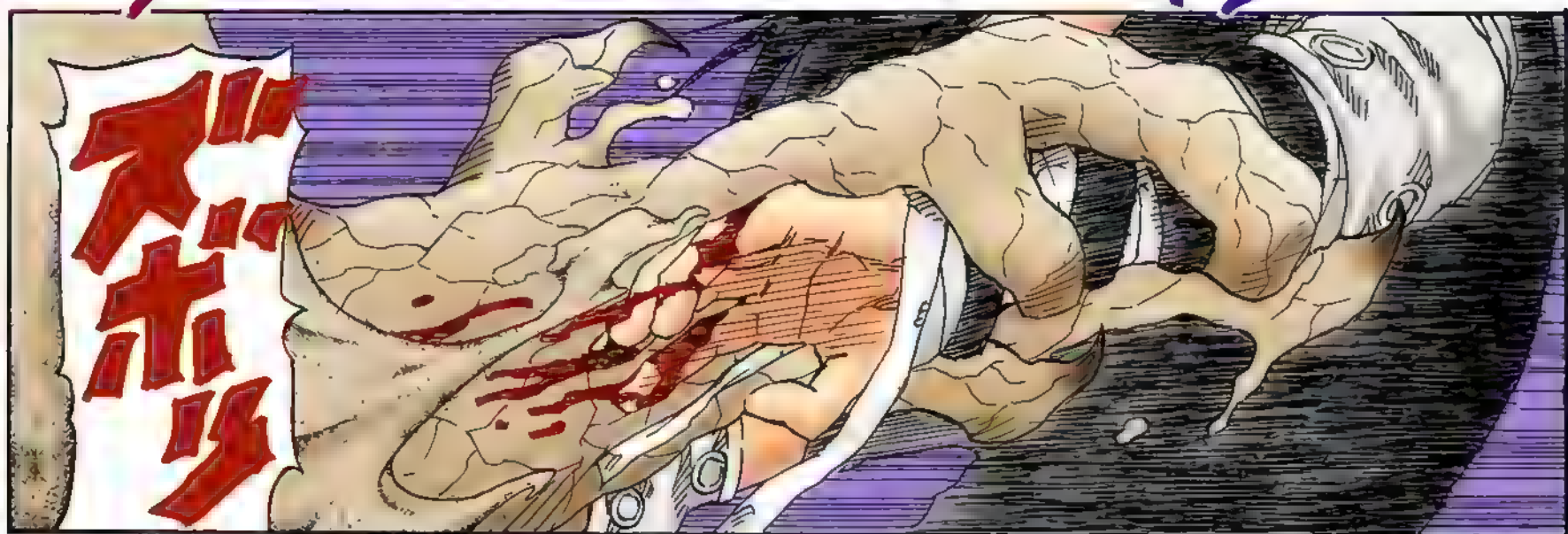
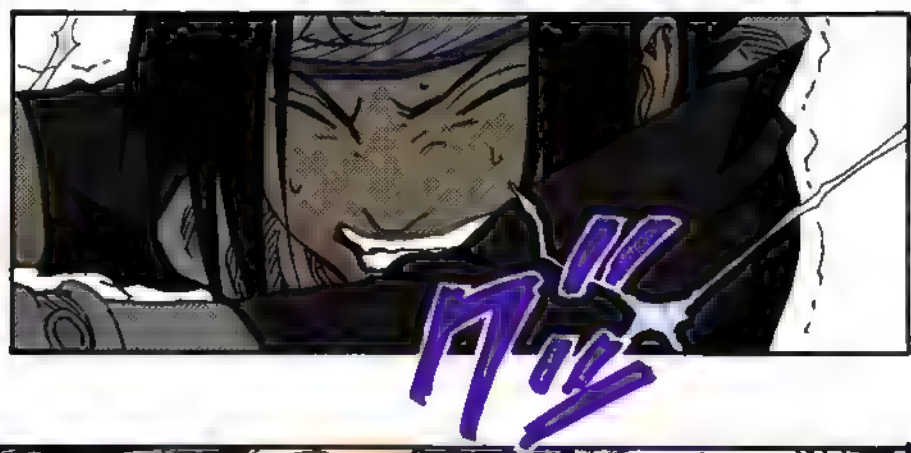
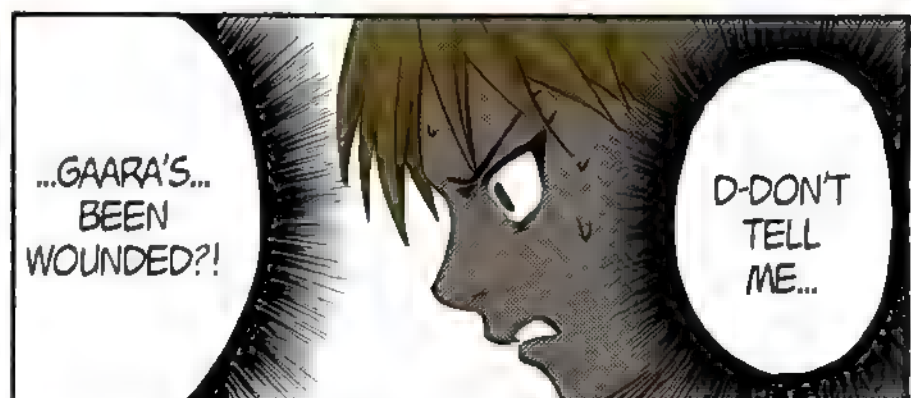
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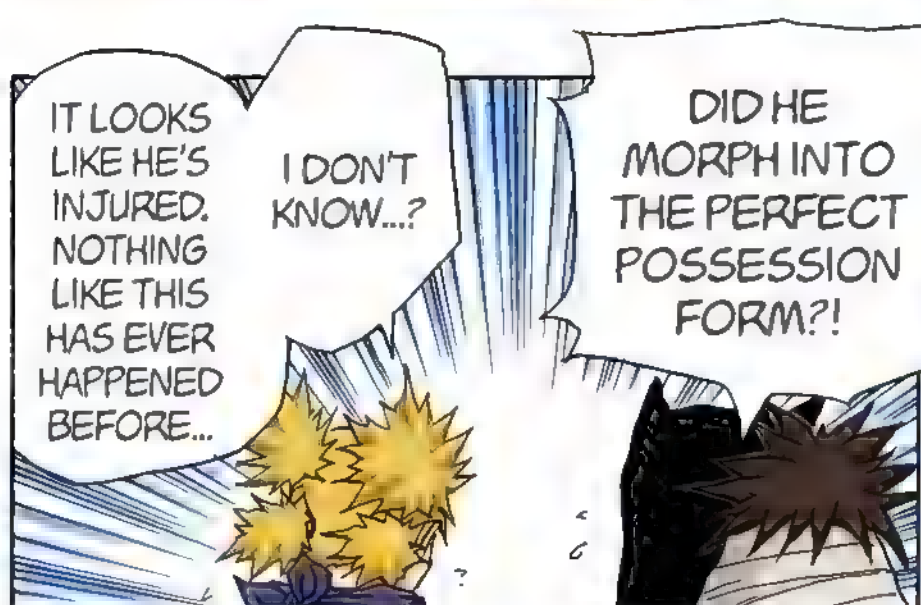
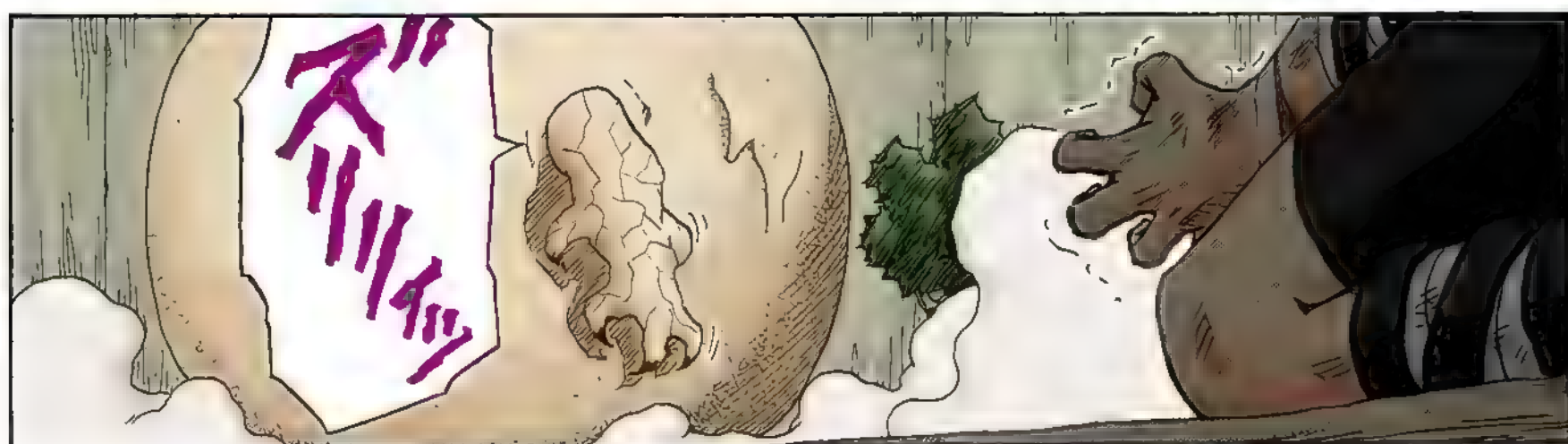
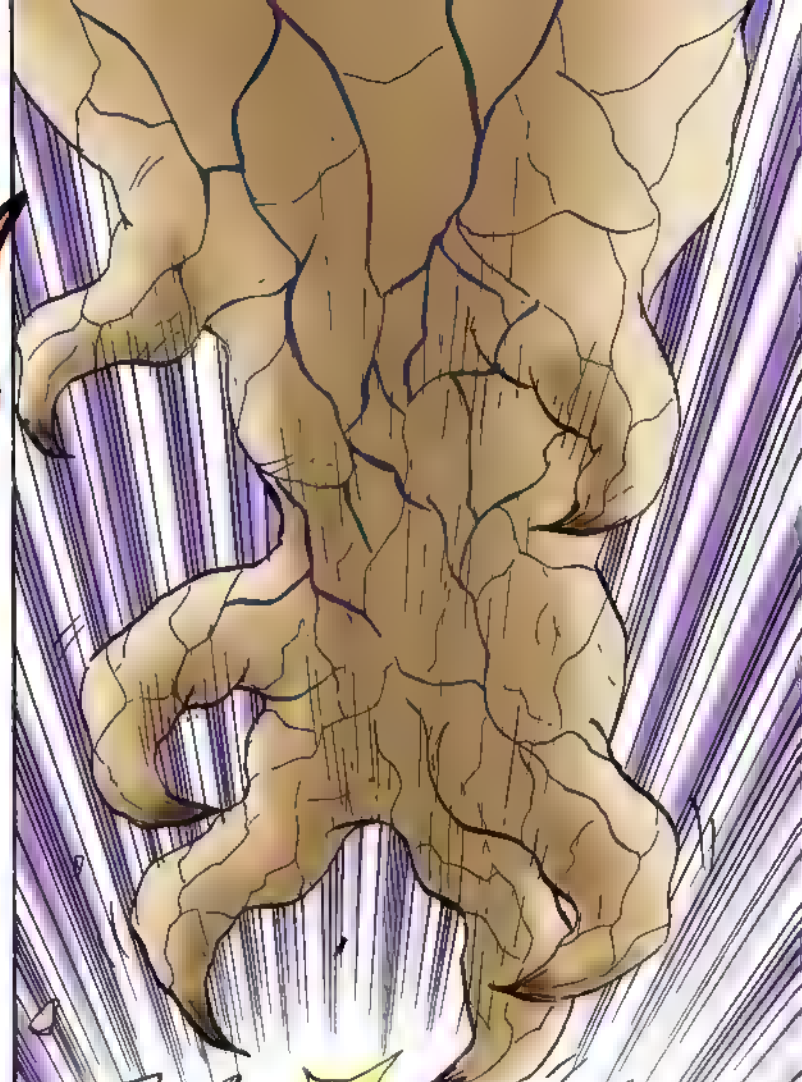
AND YOU
POSSESS
THE
SHARINGAN
AS WELL!!

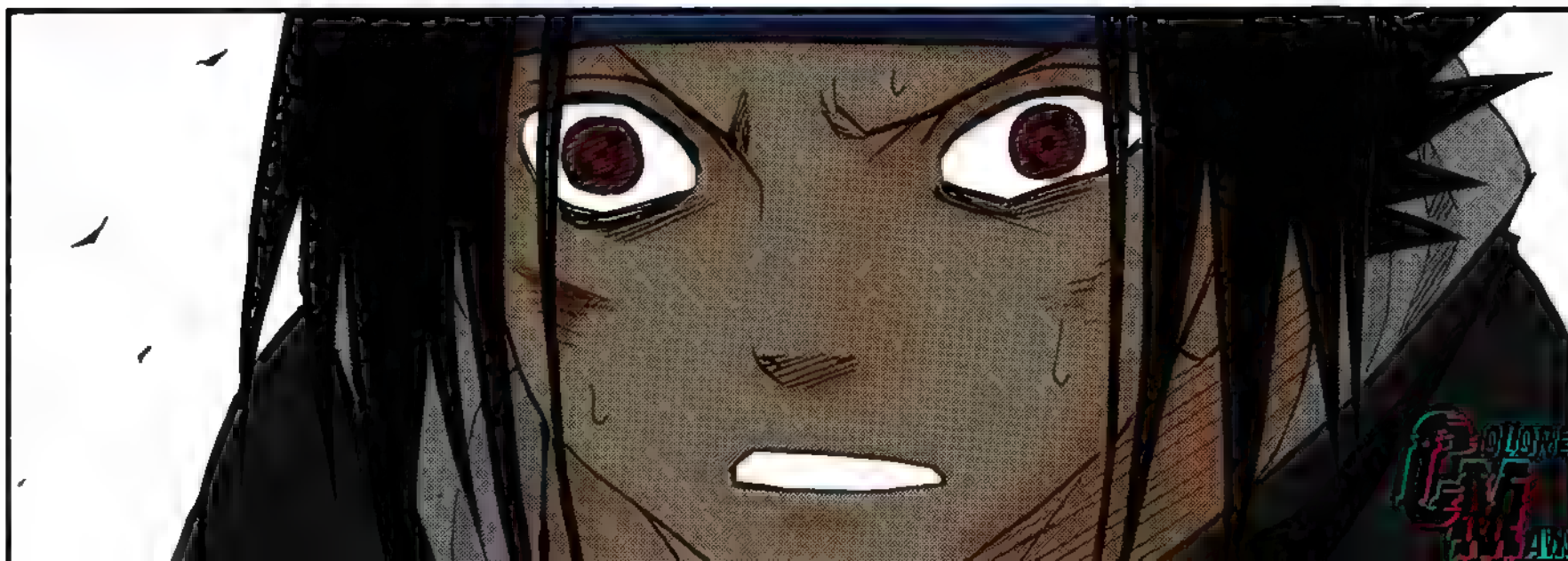
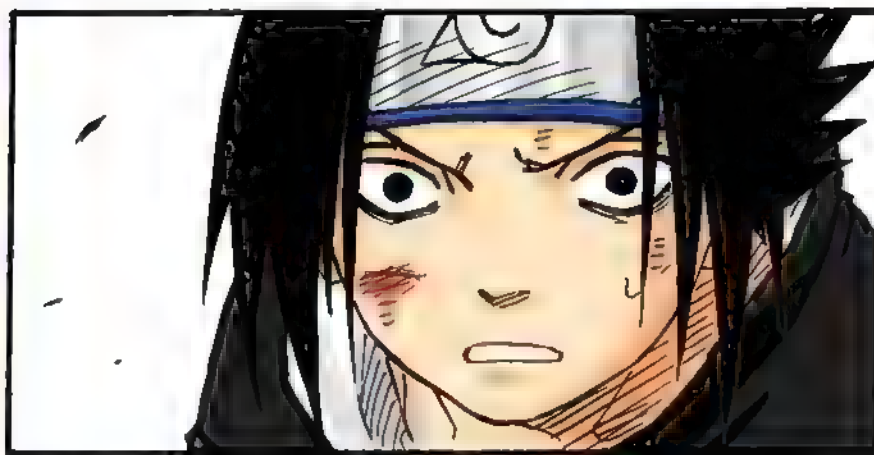
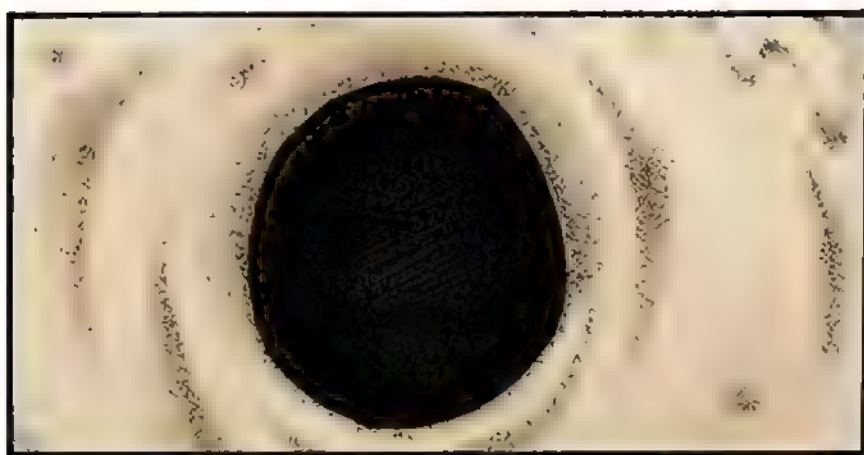
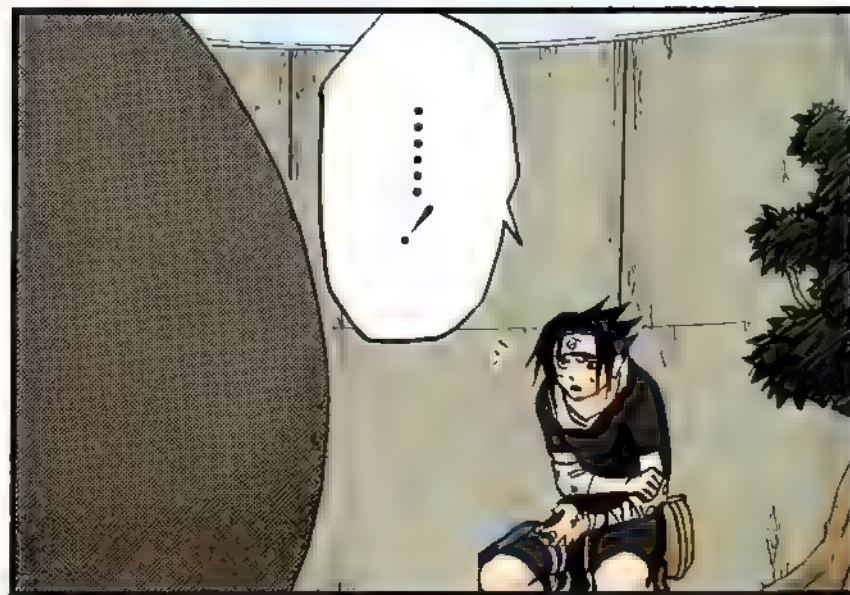
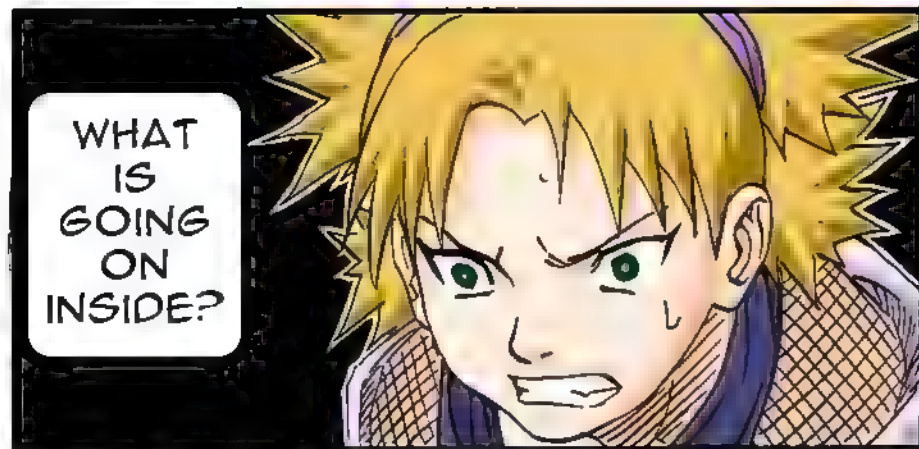




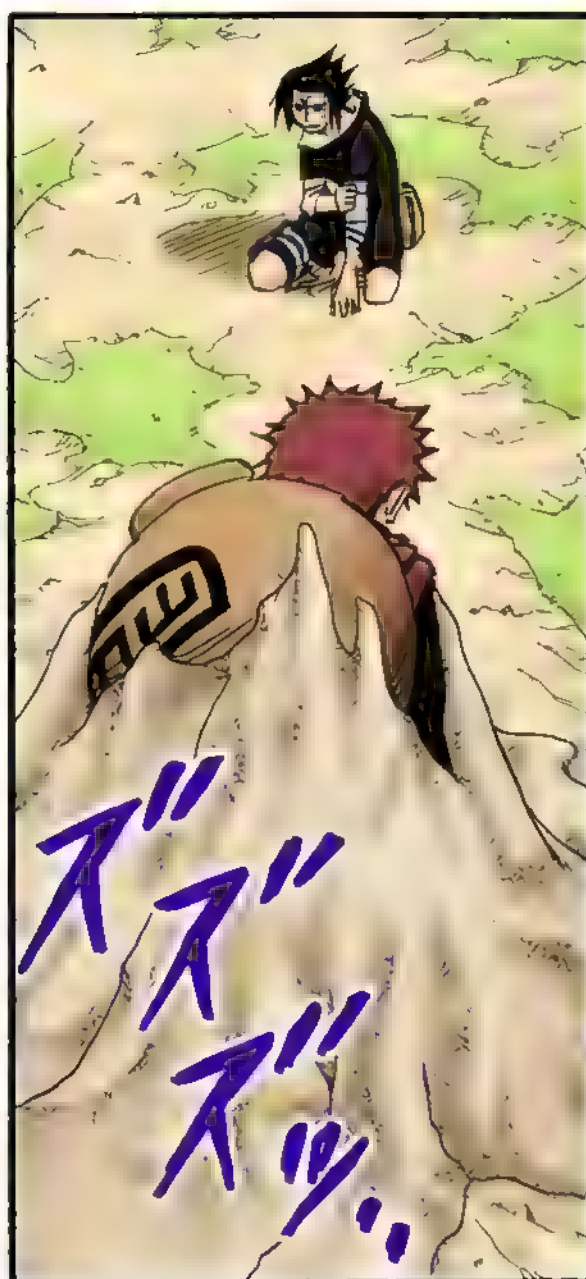
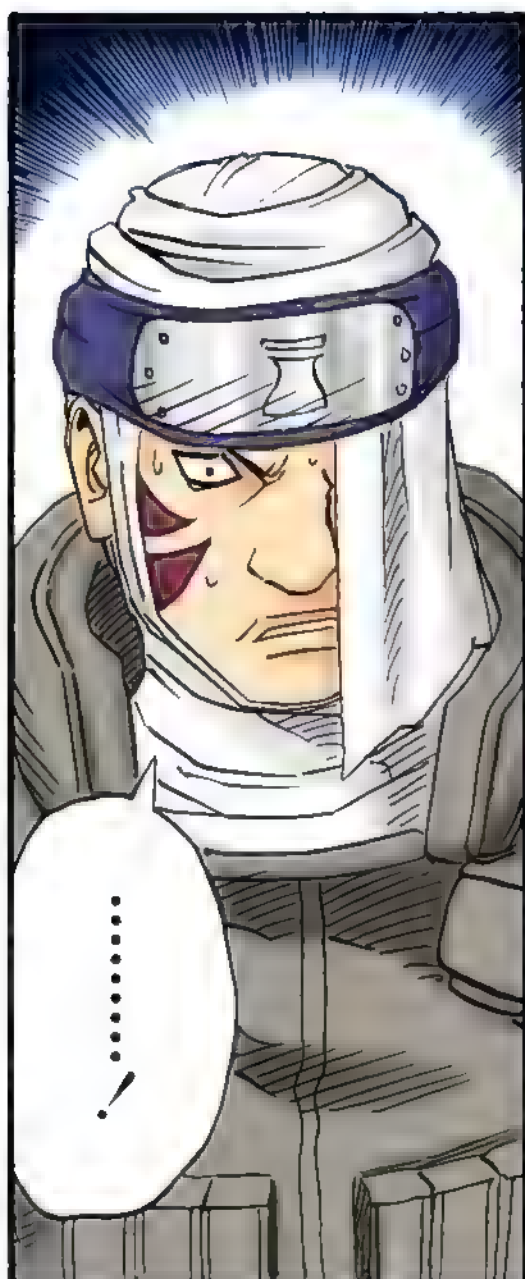
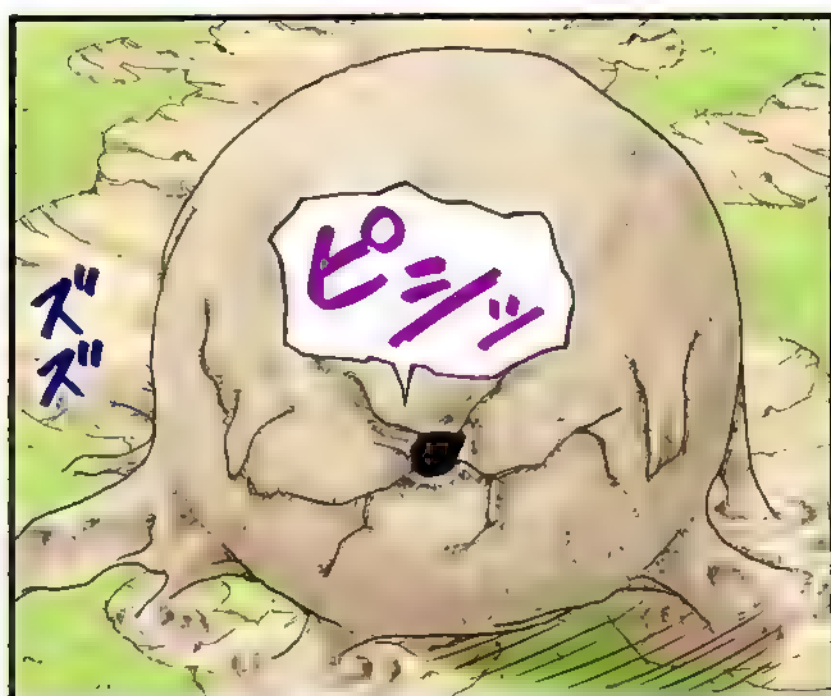


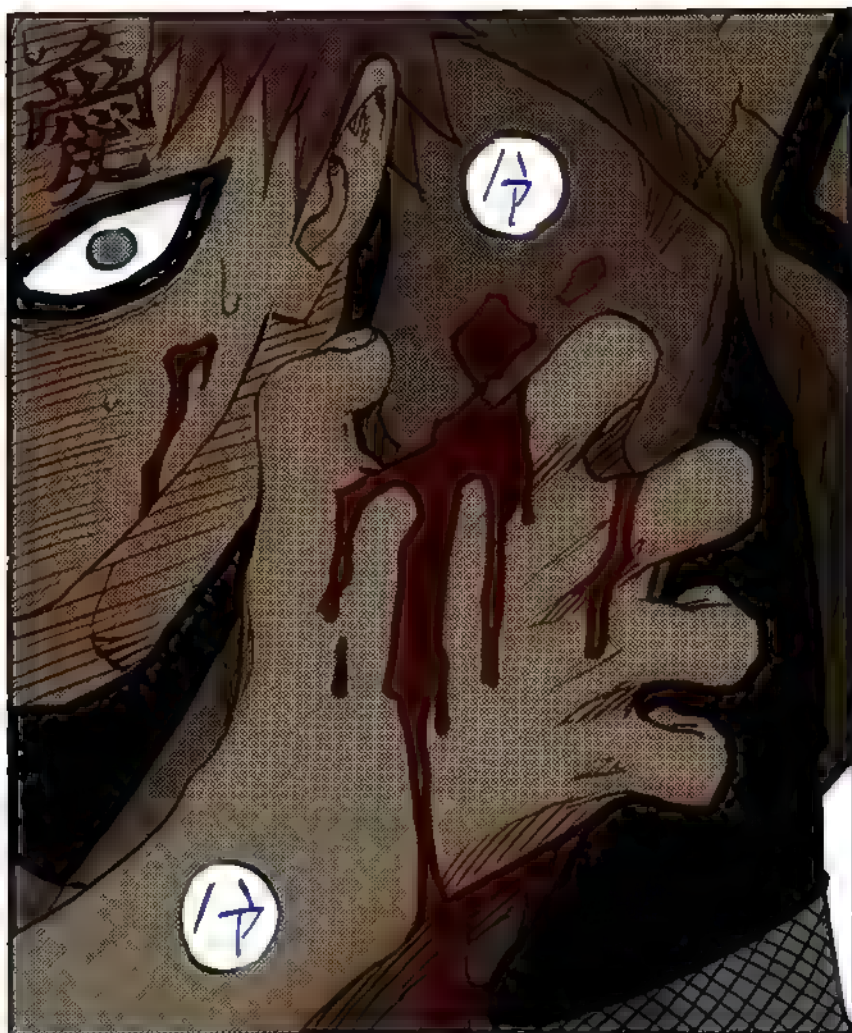


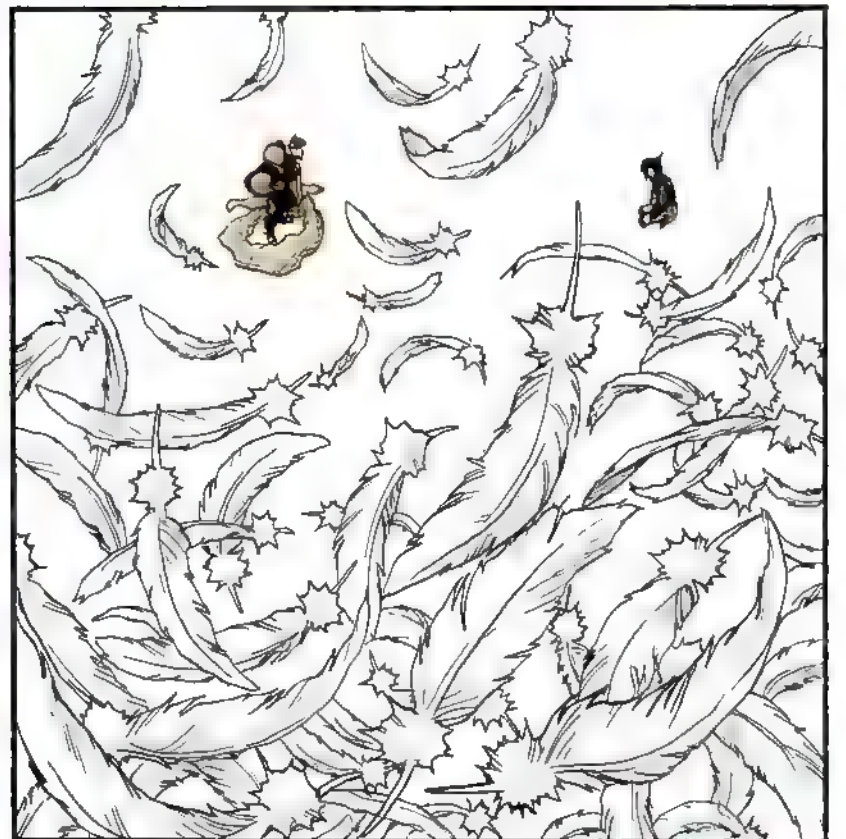
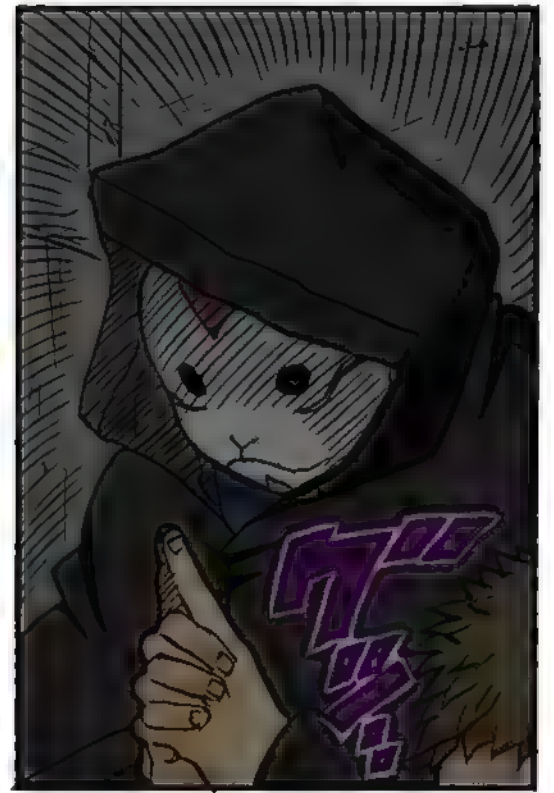


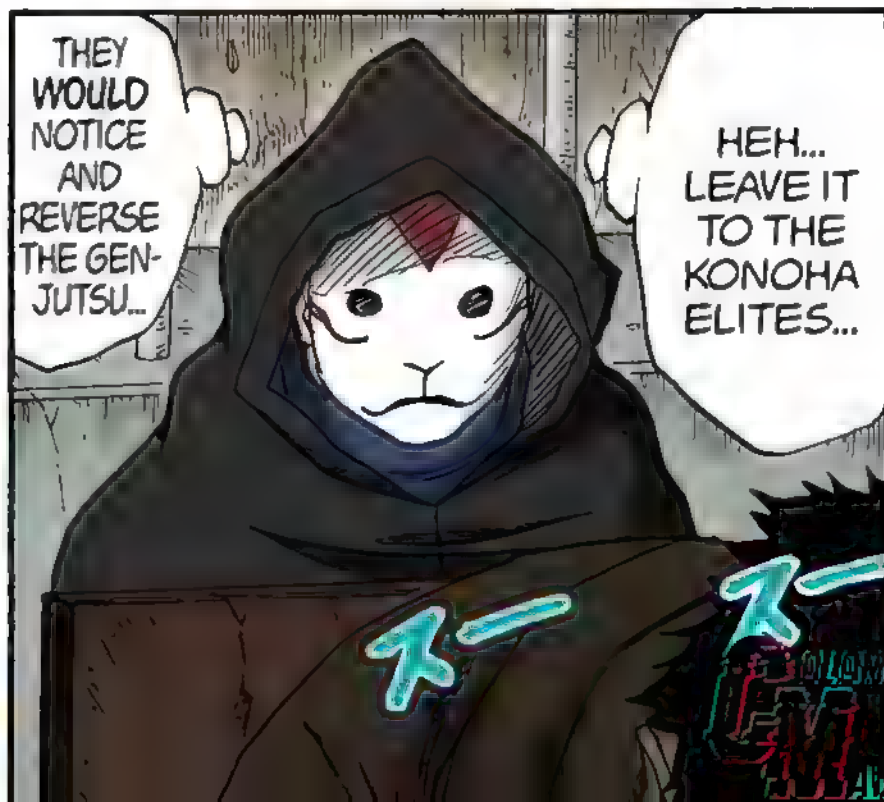


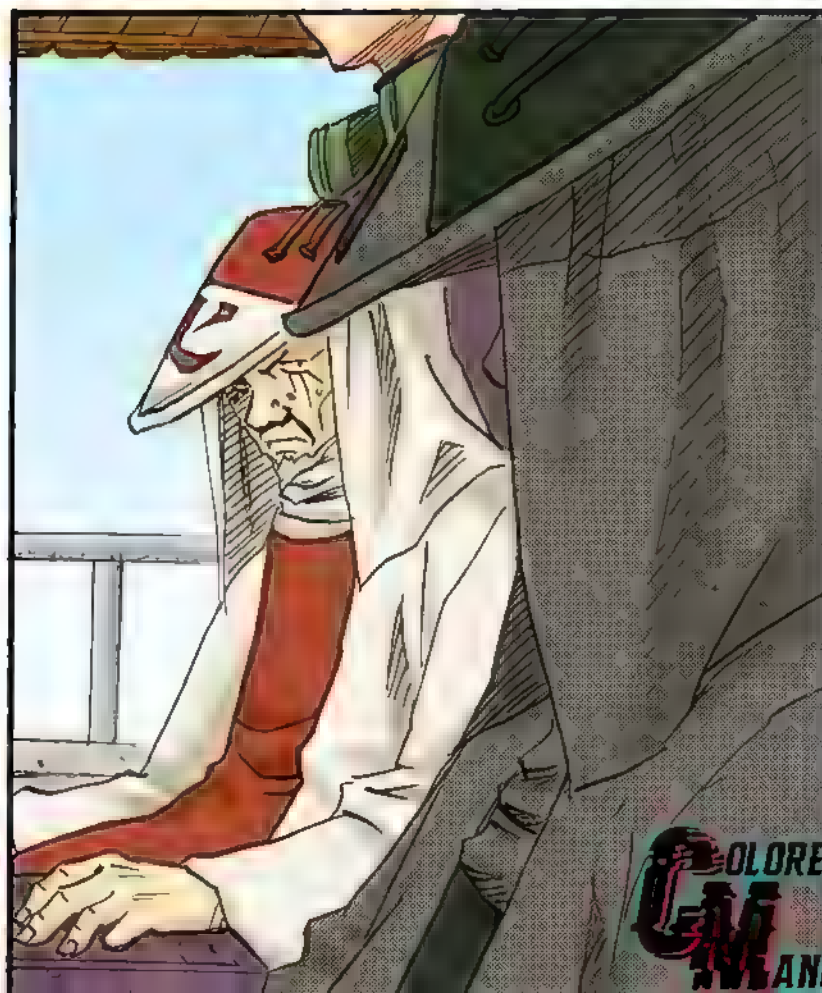
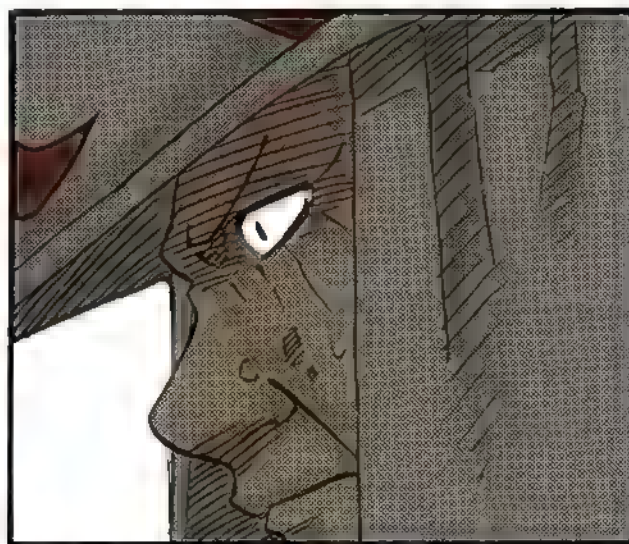
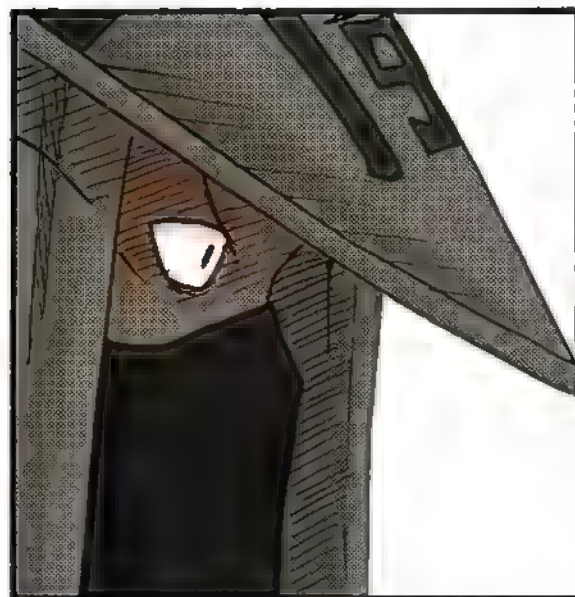


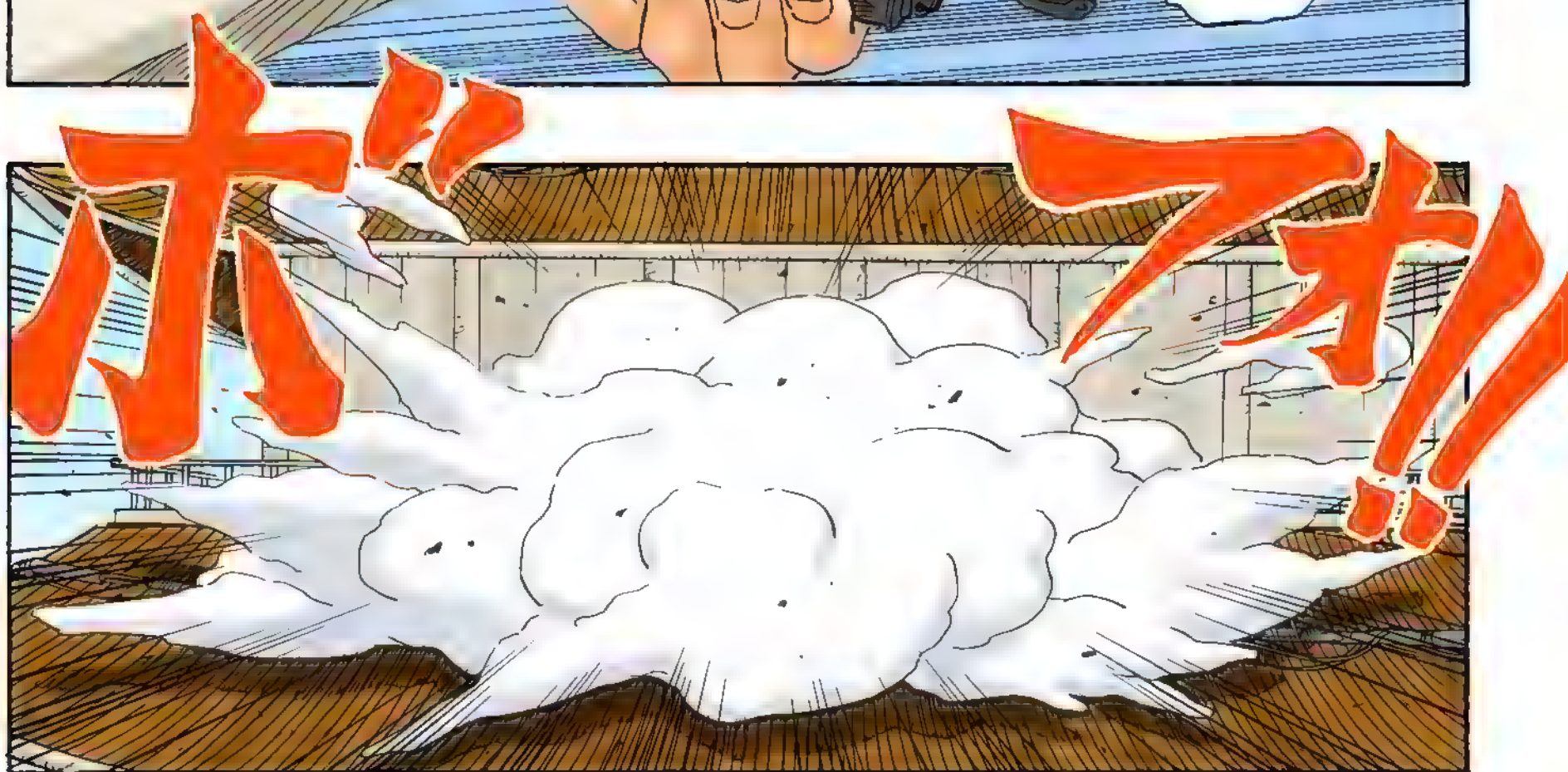
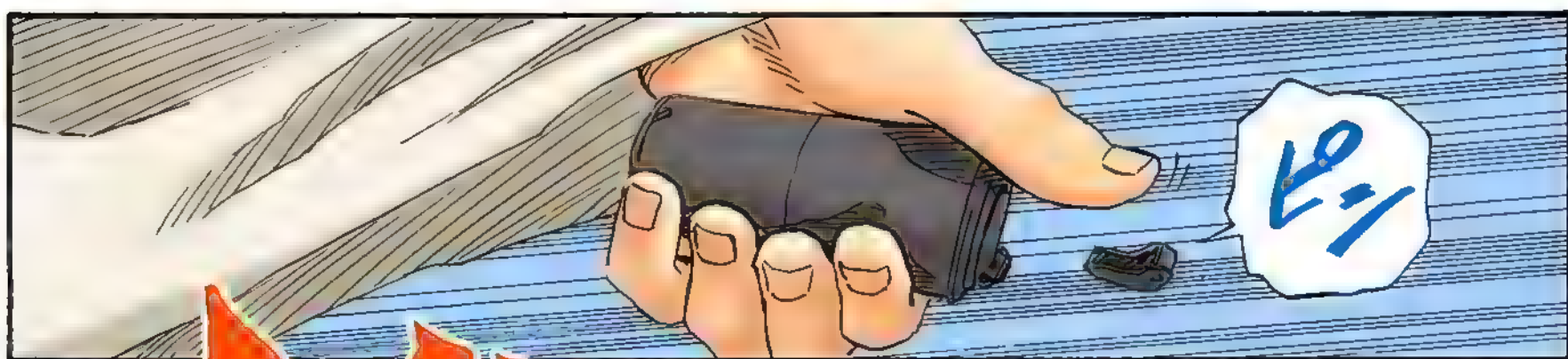


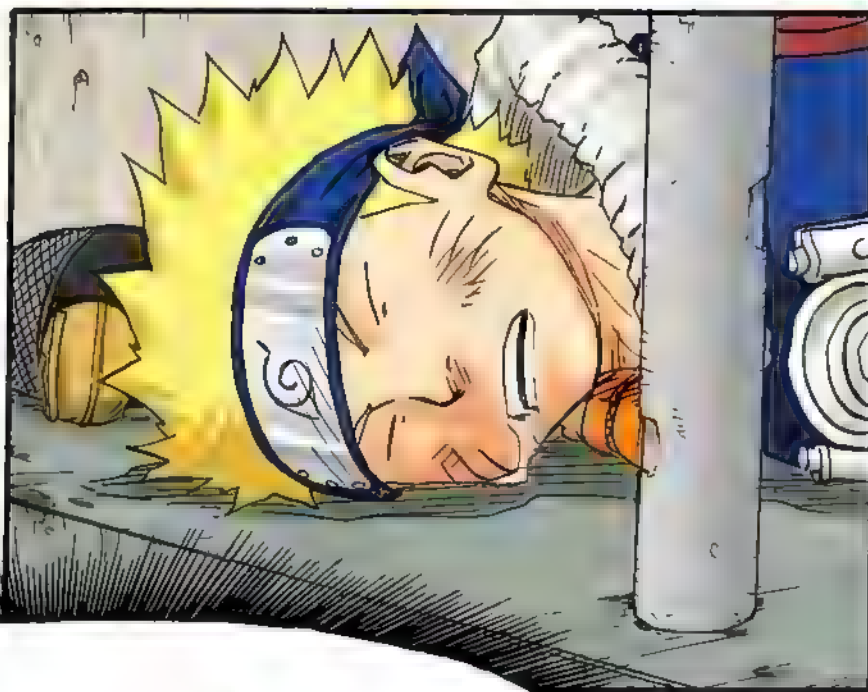




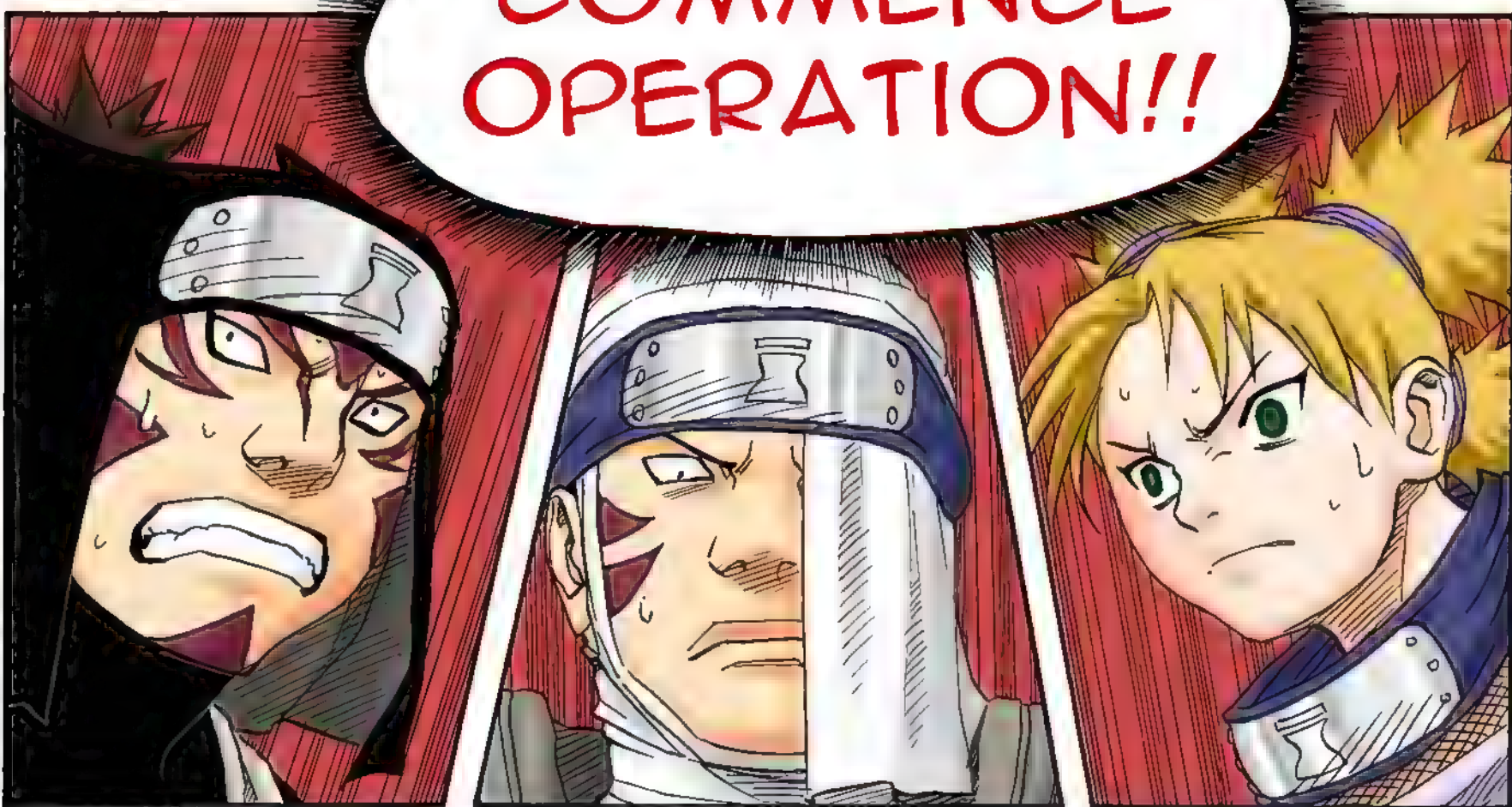


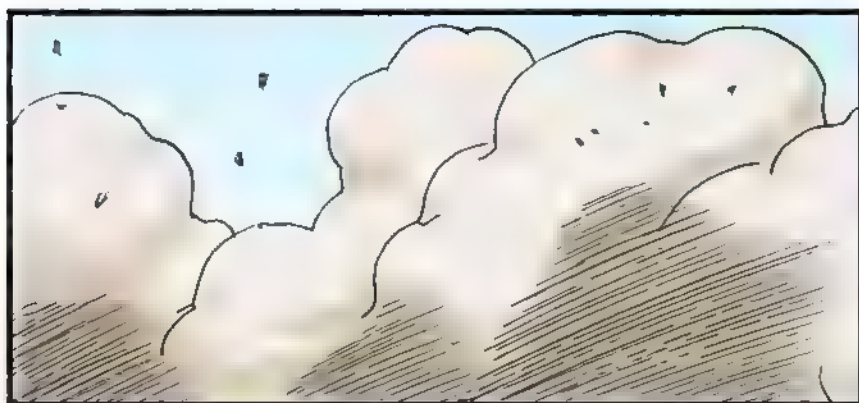
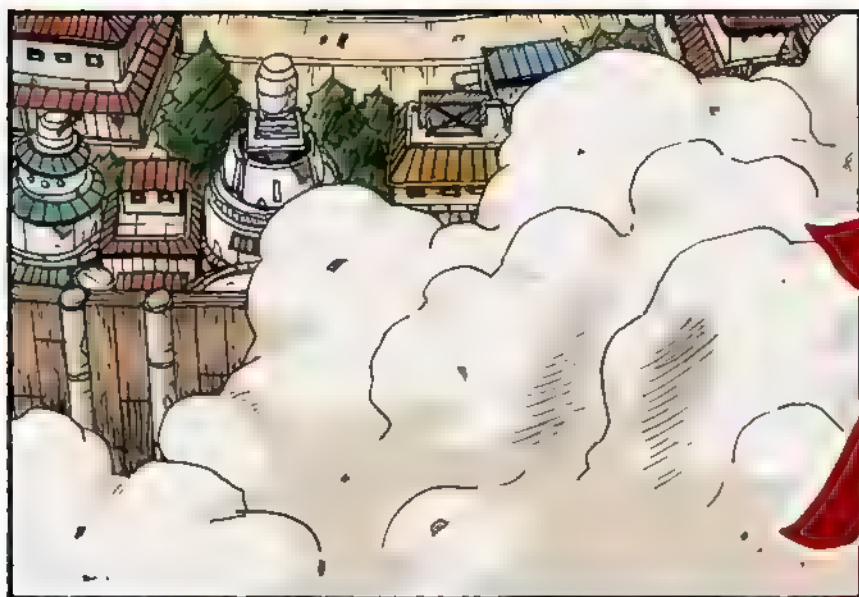


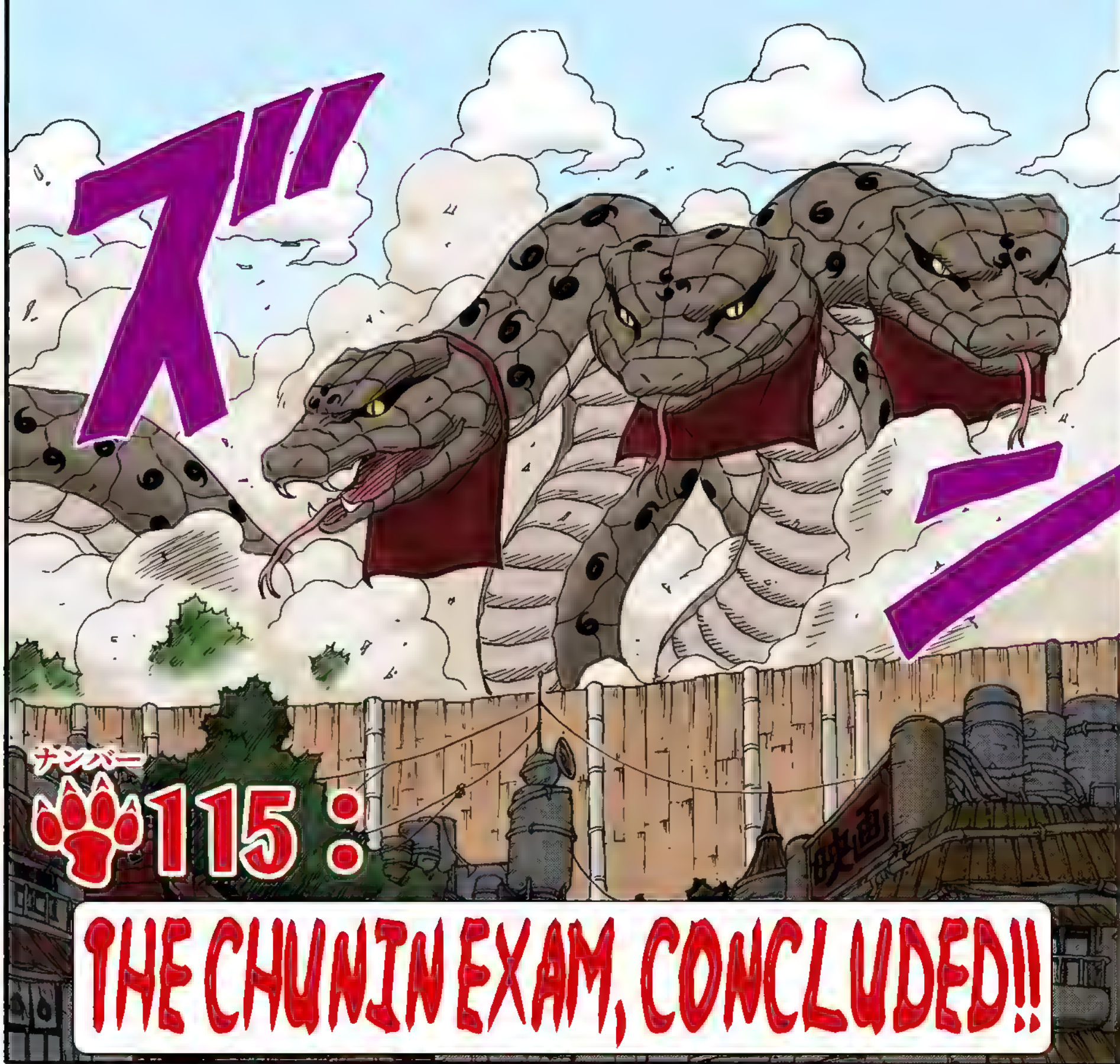


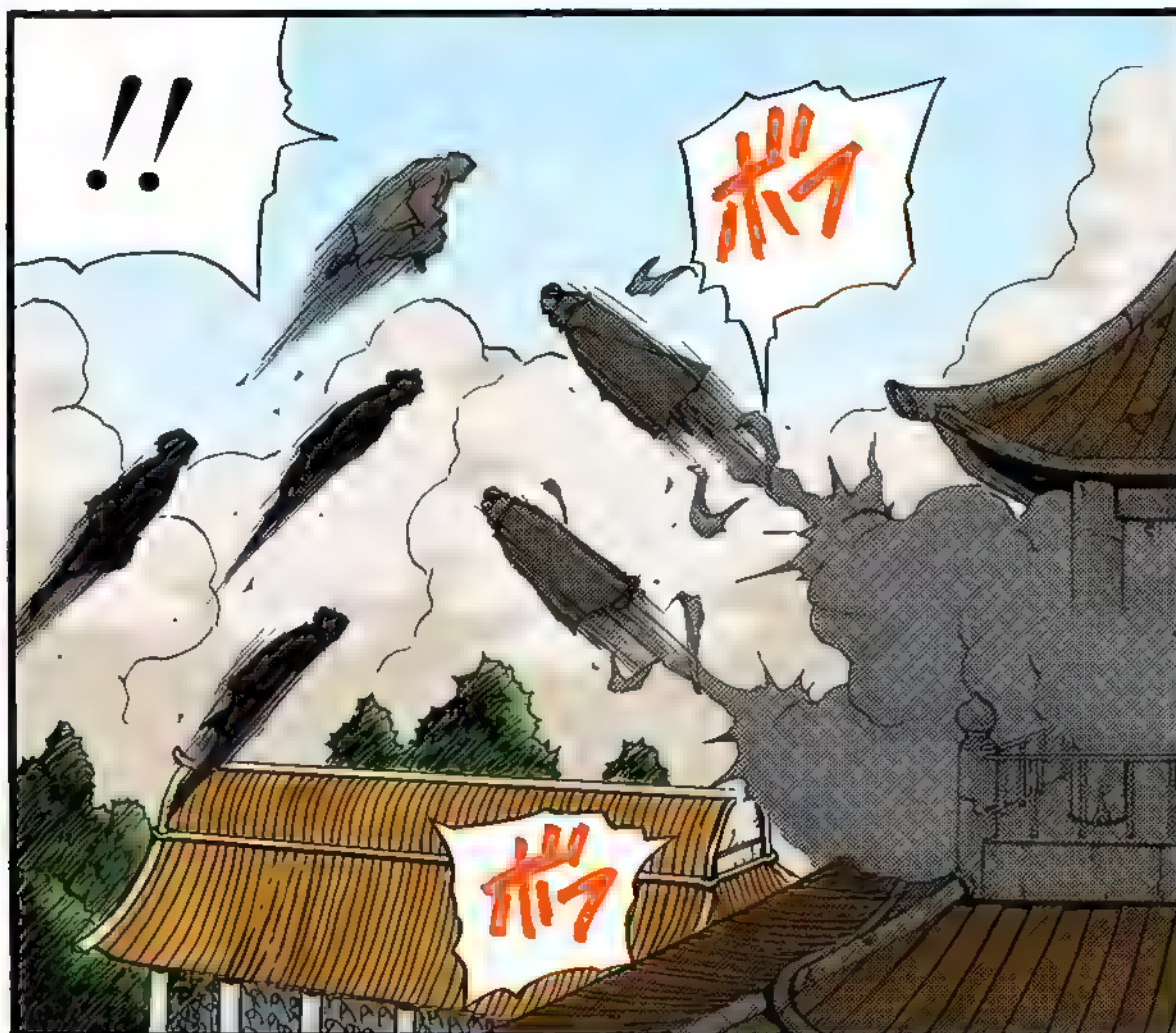
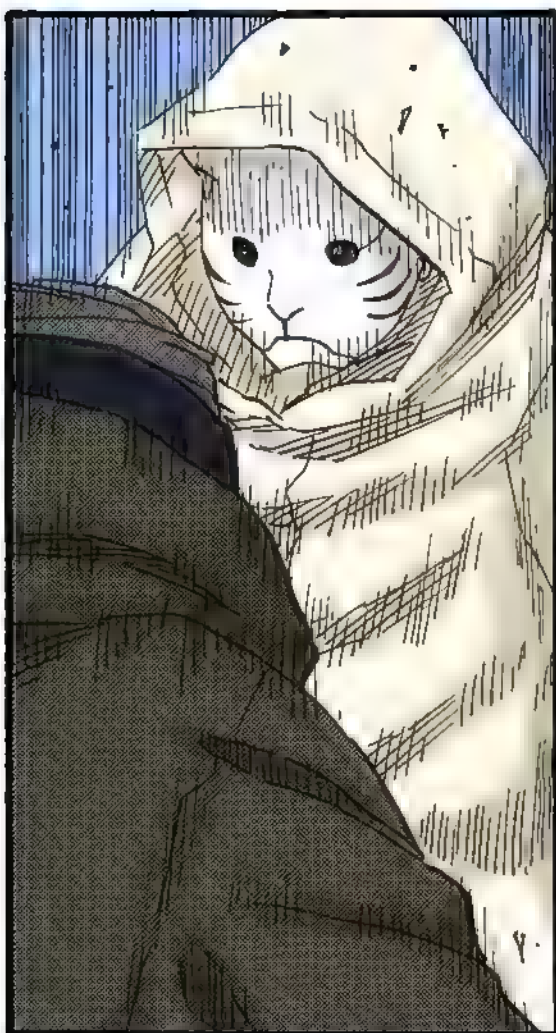
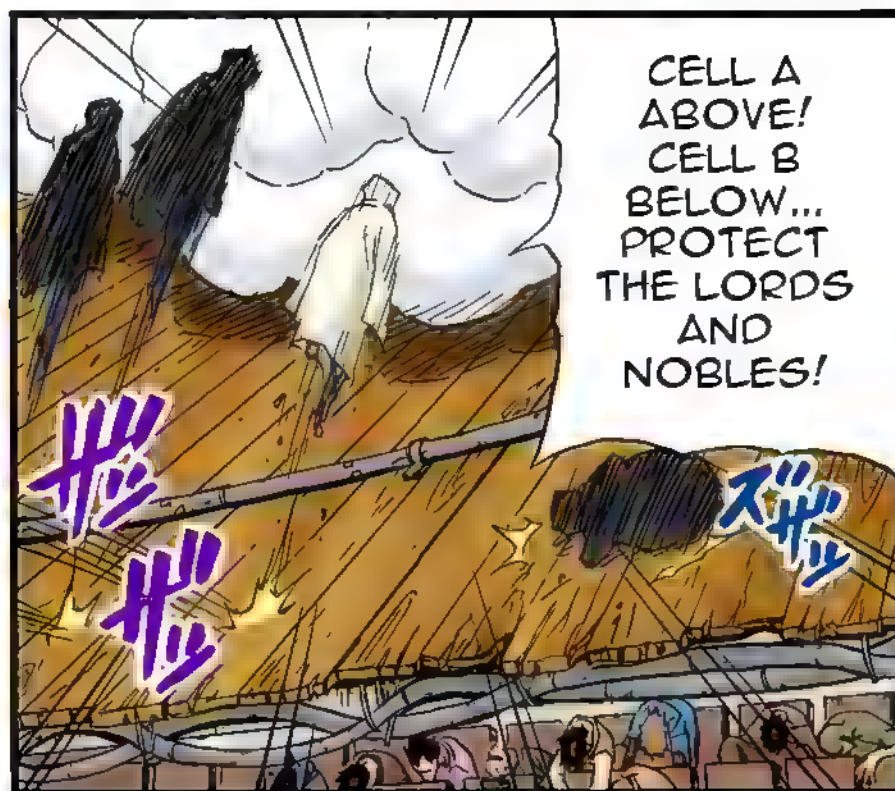
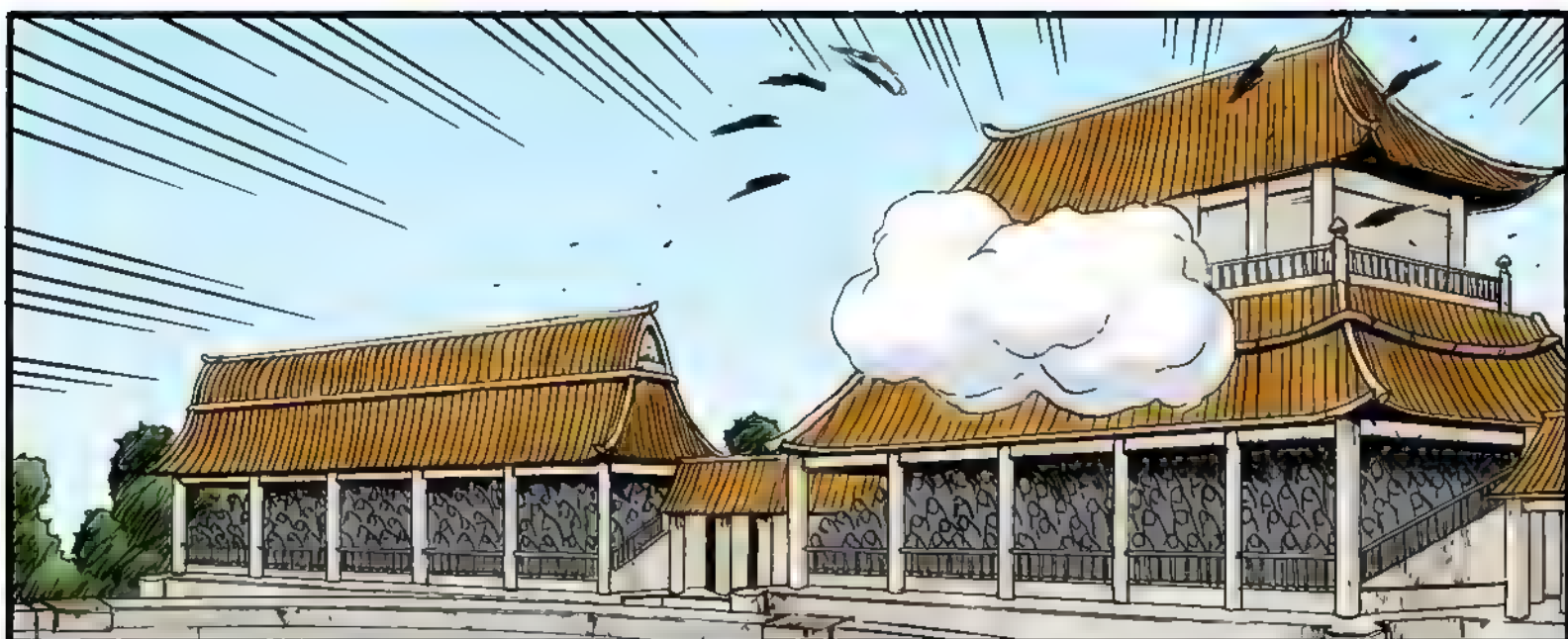


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OPERATION!!

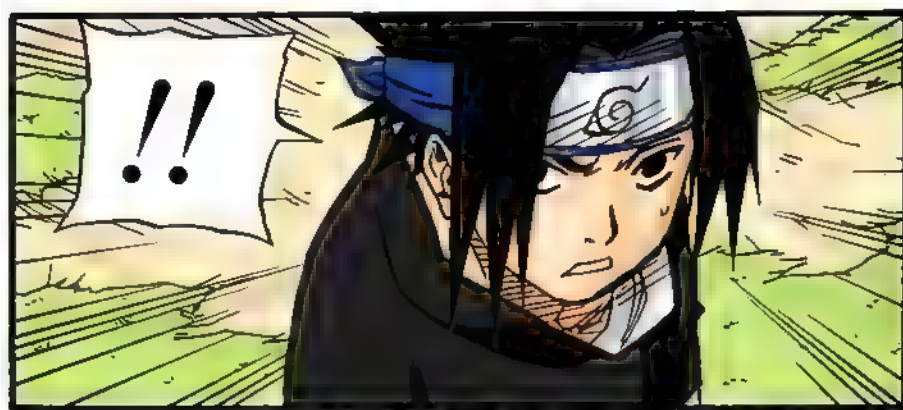
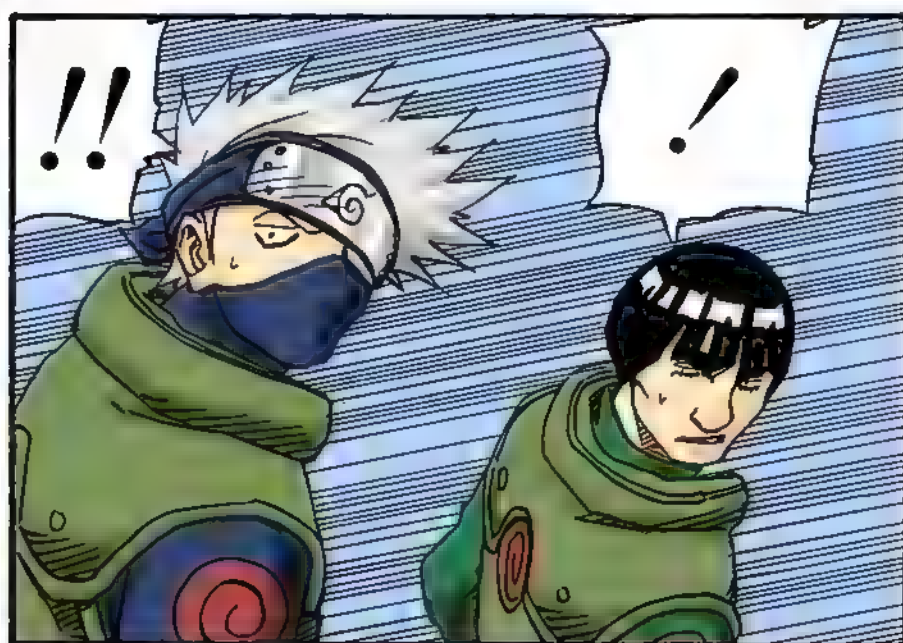
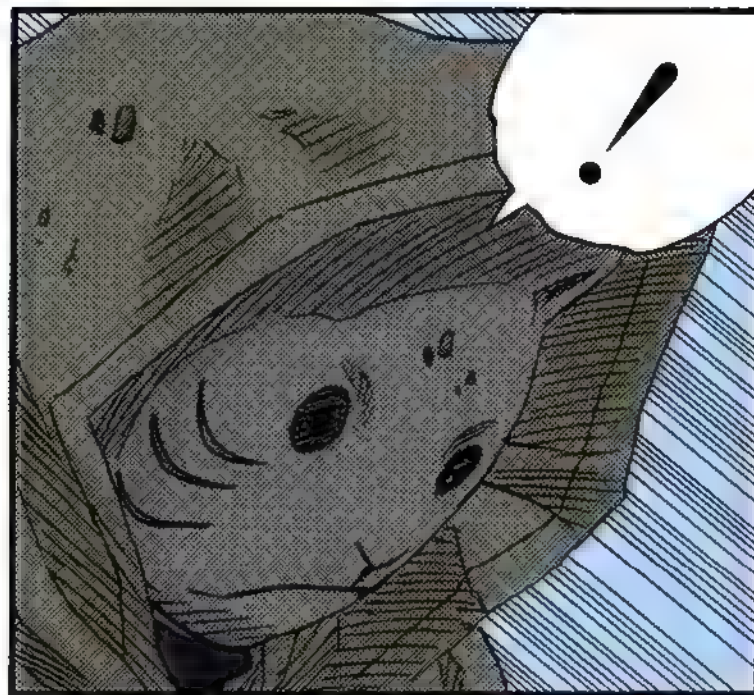
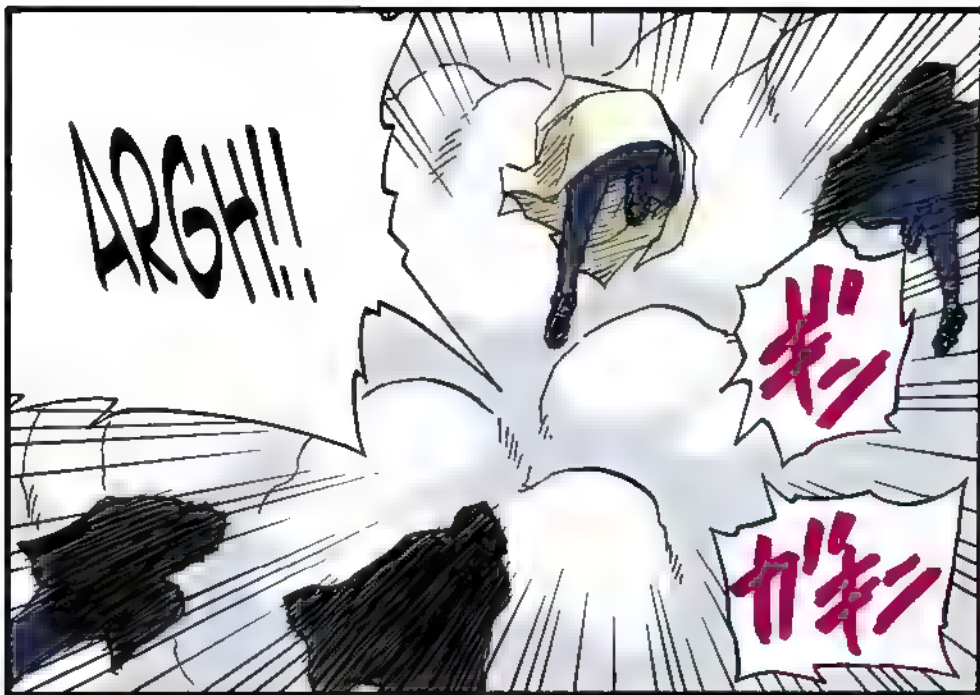


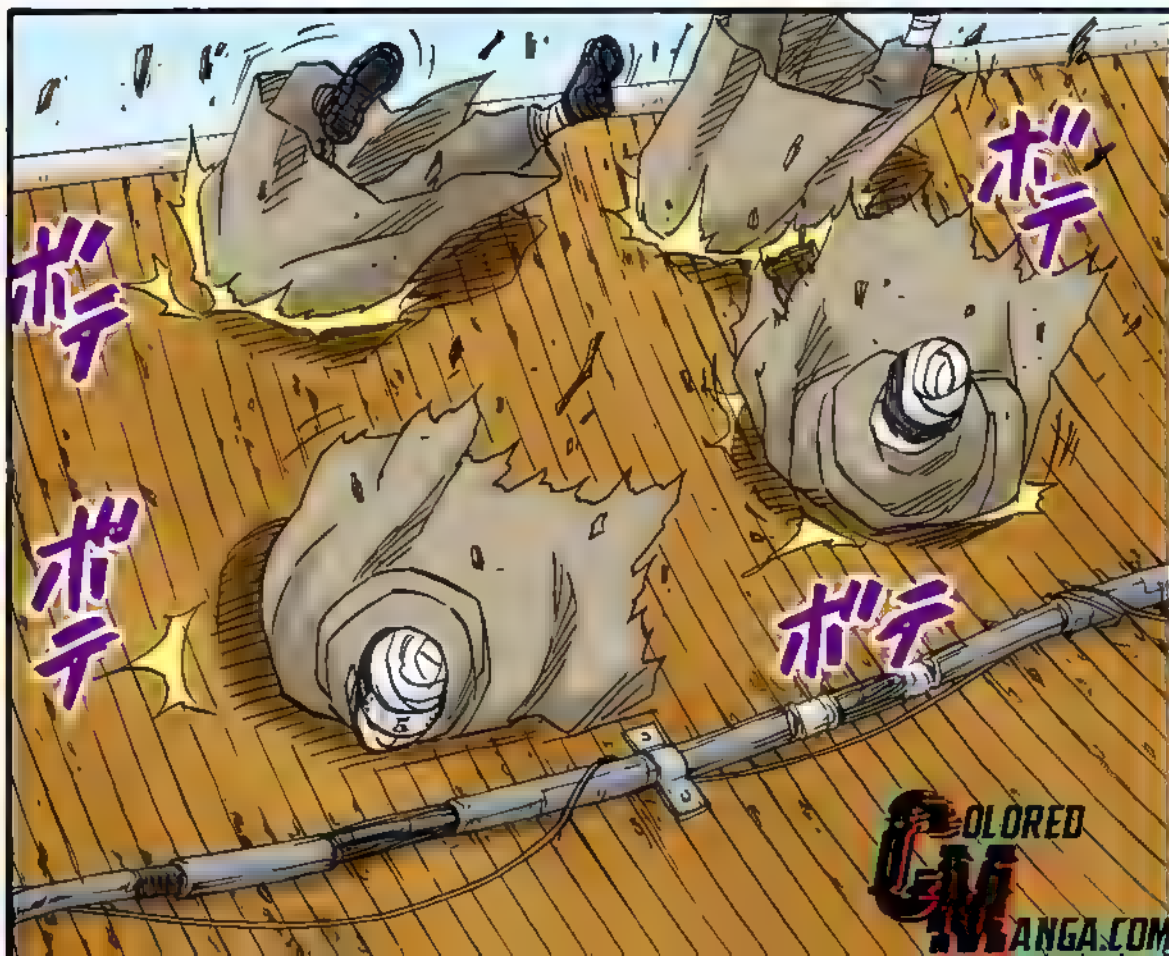


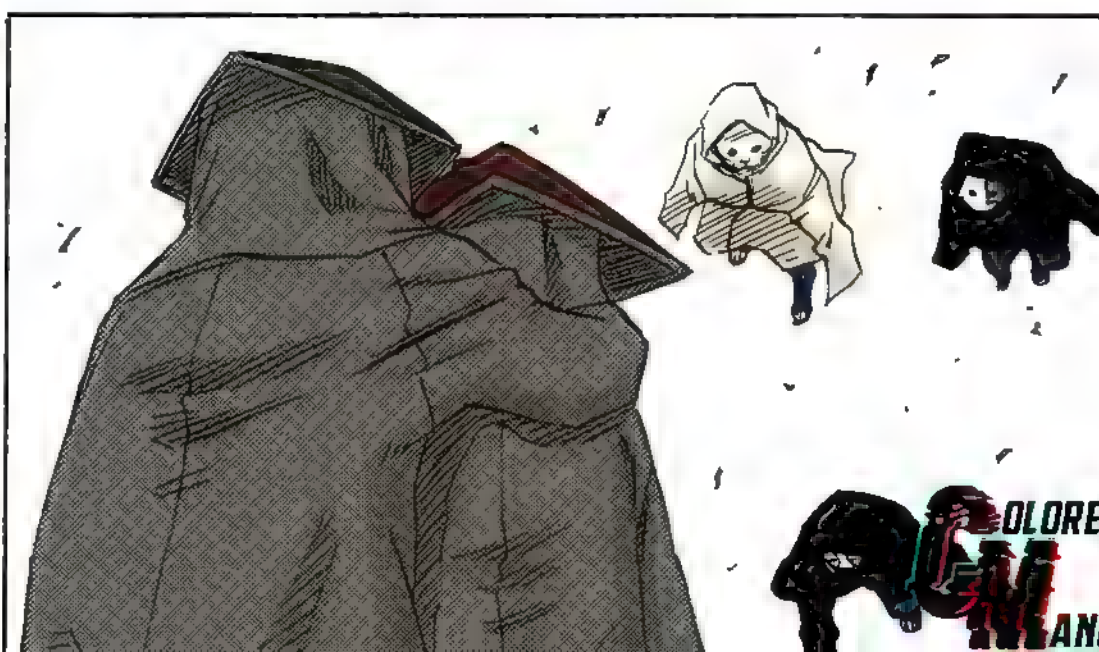
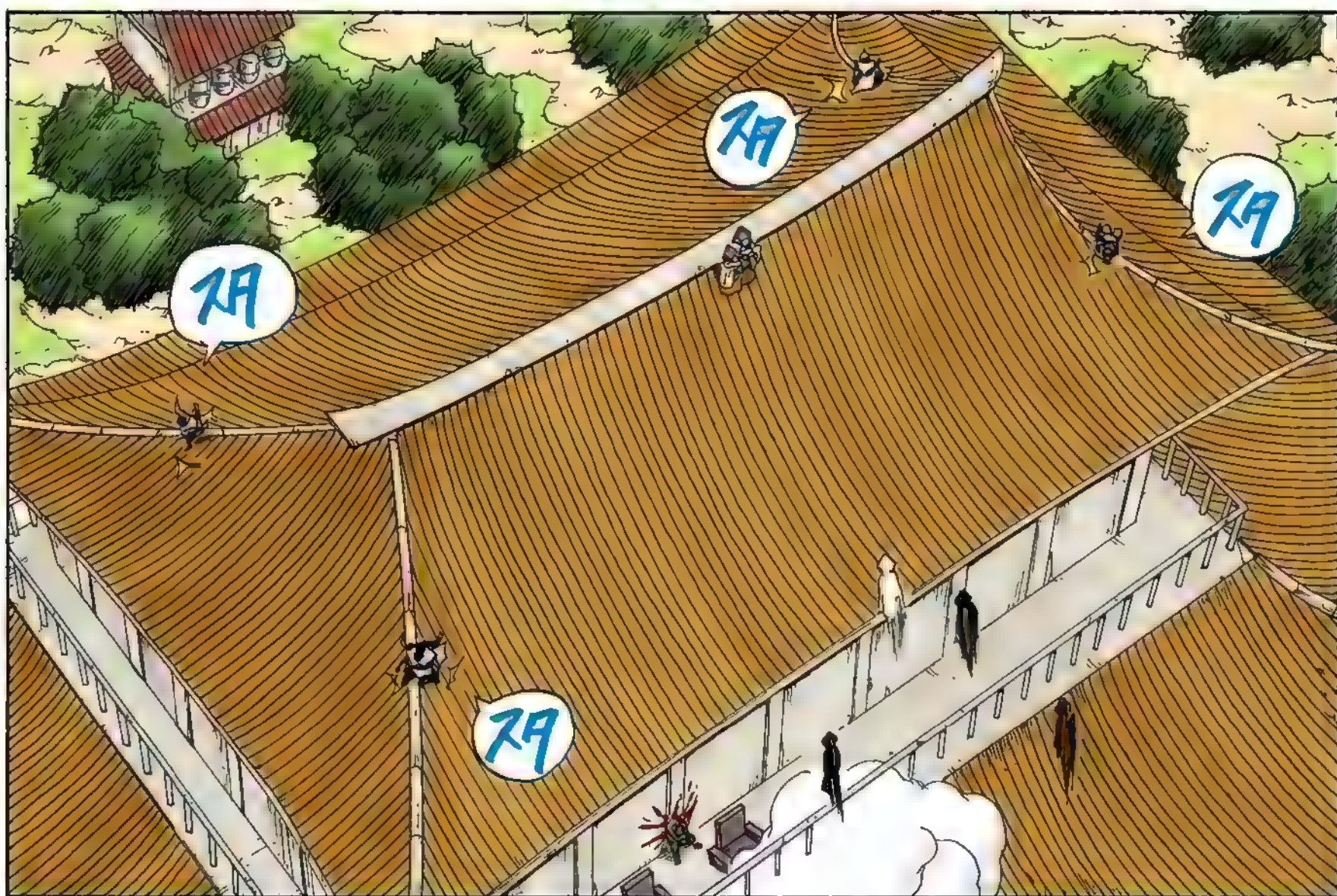
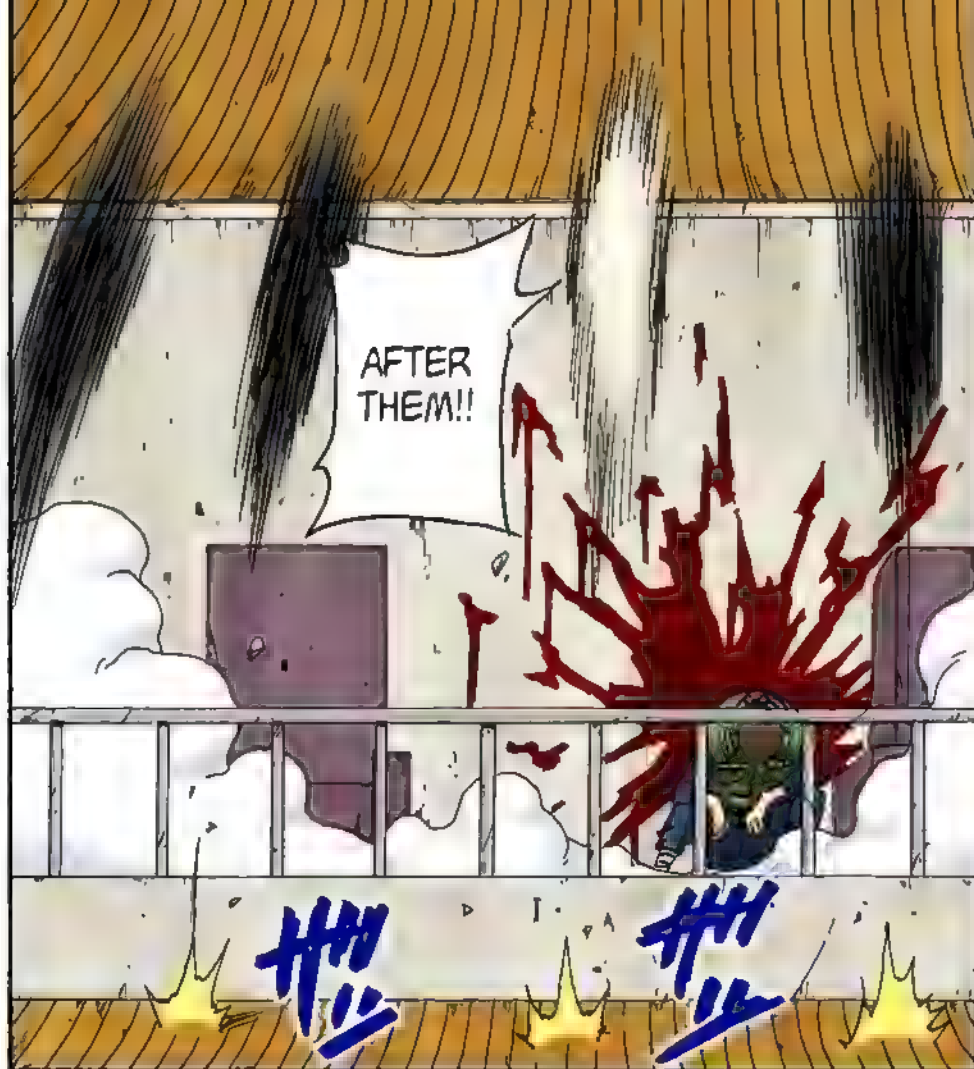






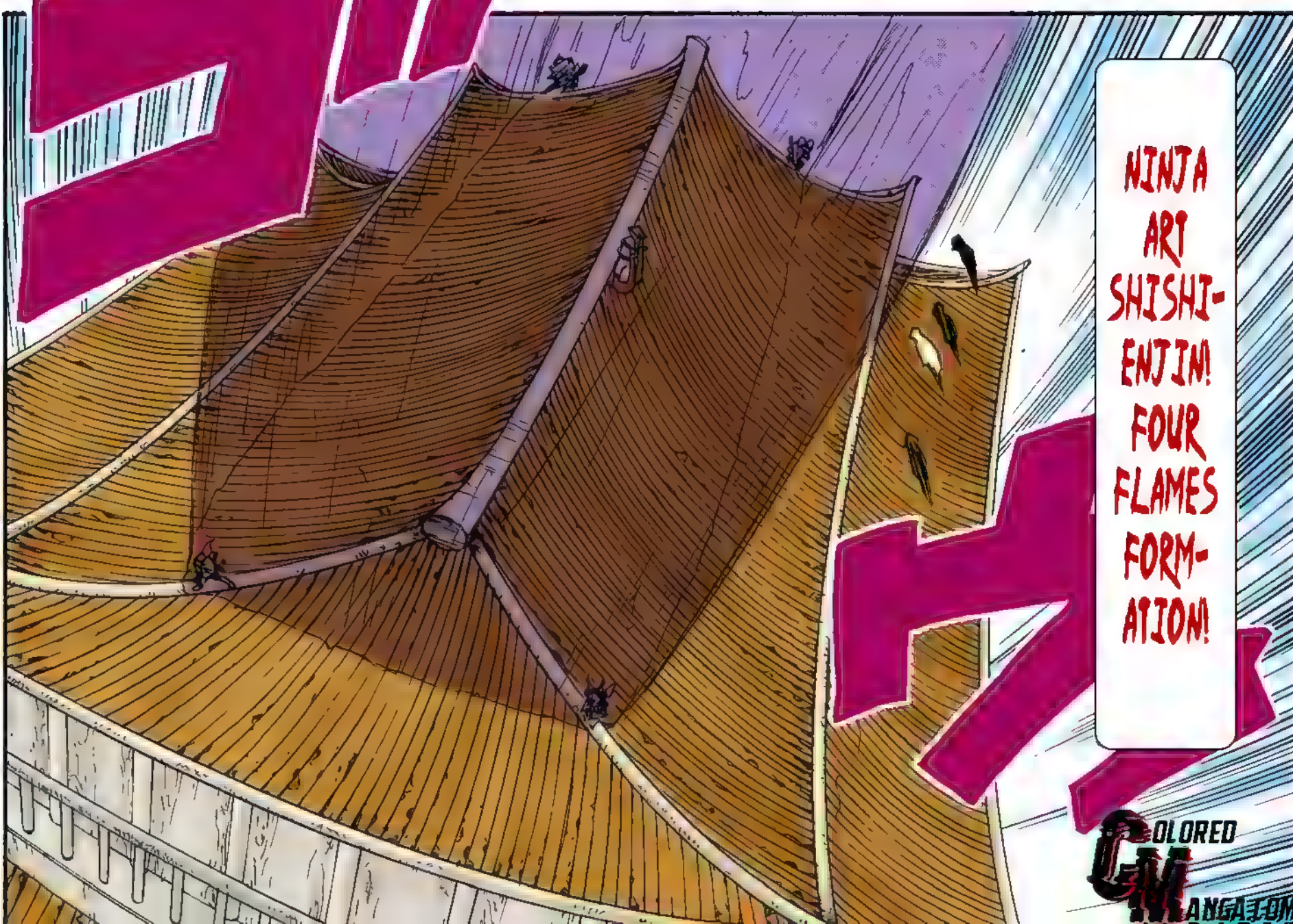




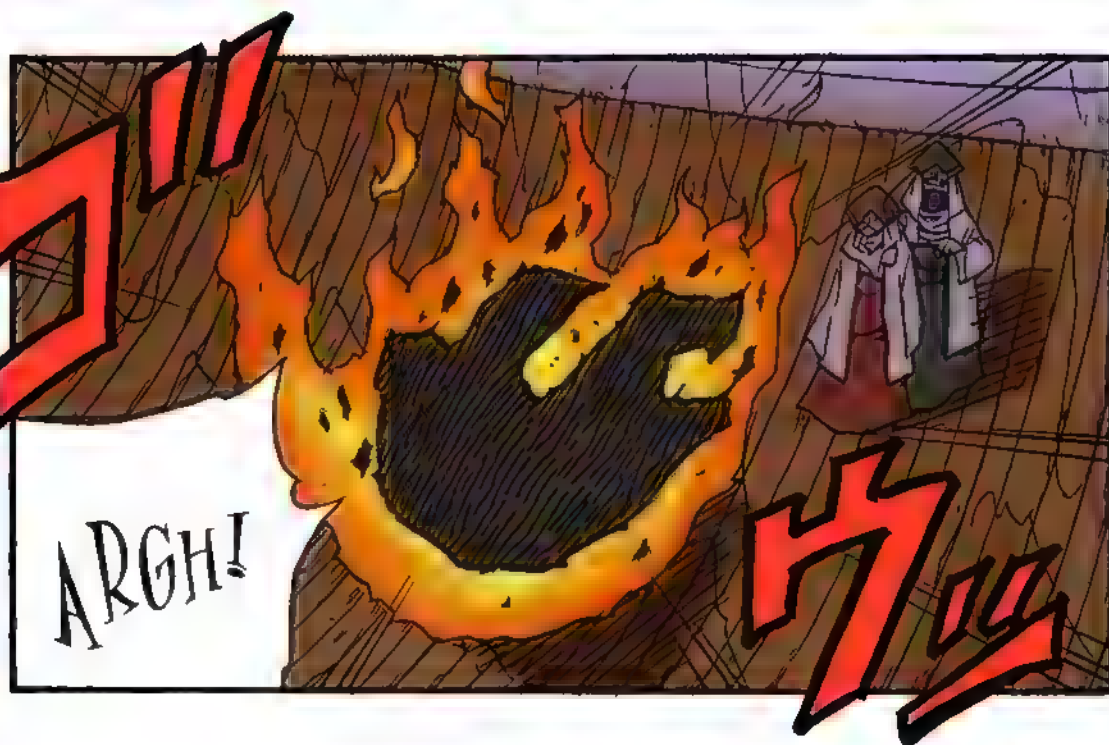
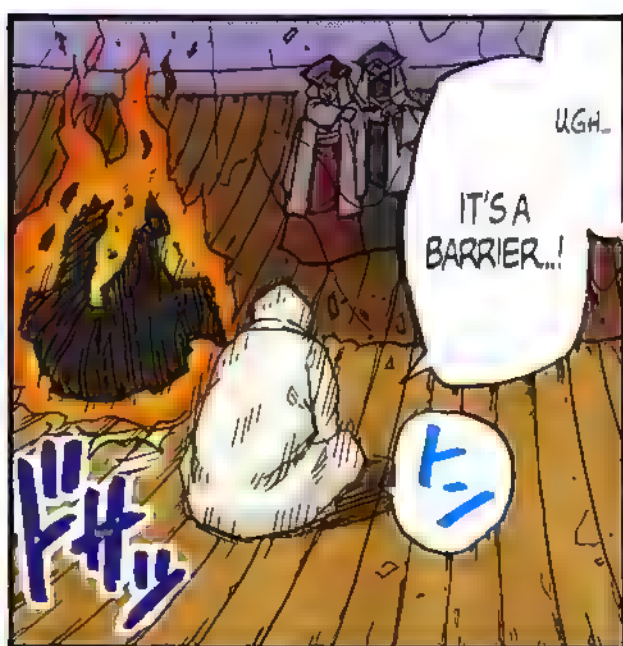
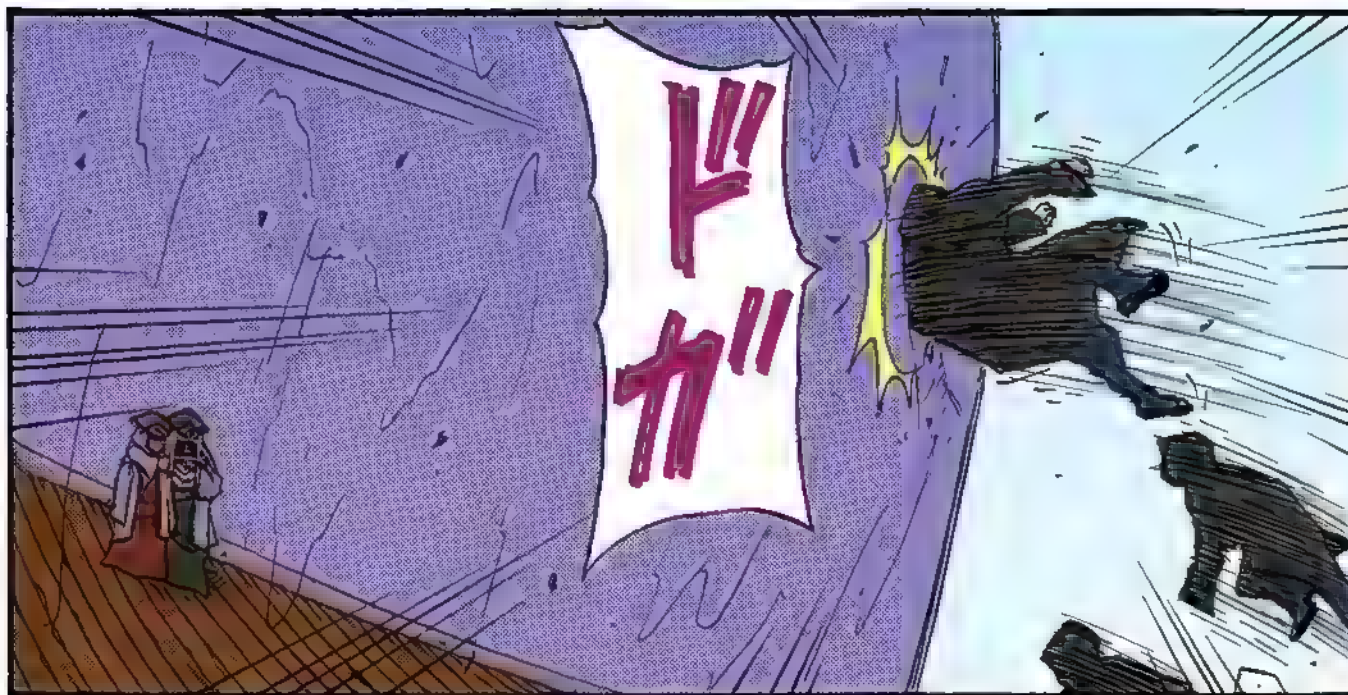


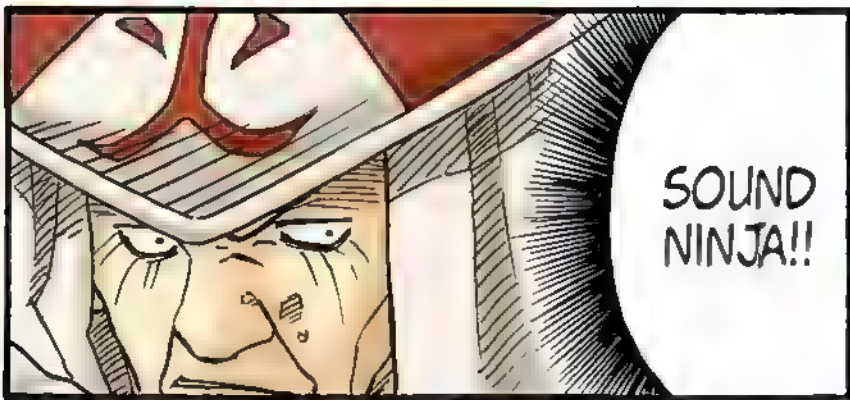
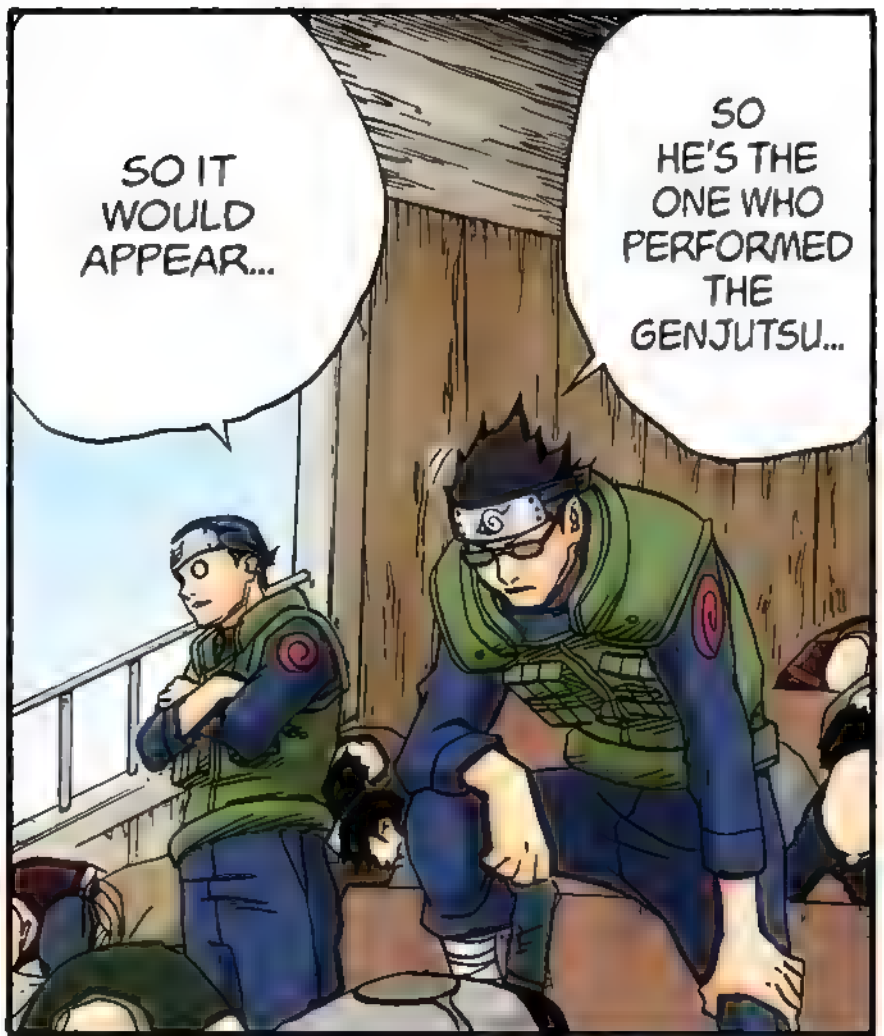


HAH!



NINJA
ART
SHISHI-
ENTJIN!
FOUR
FLAMES
FORM-
ATION!

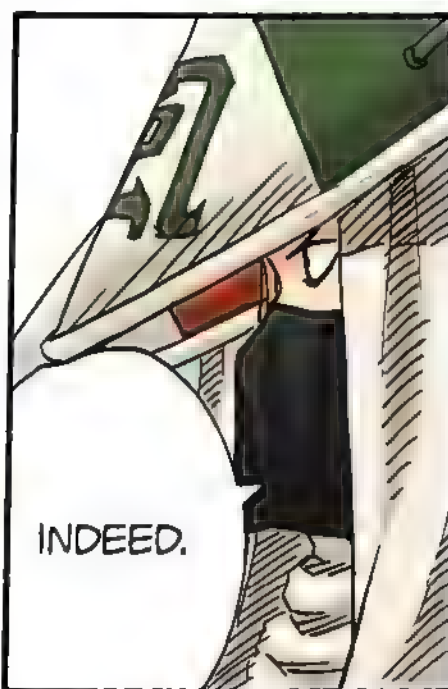
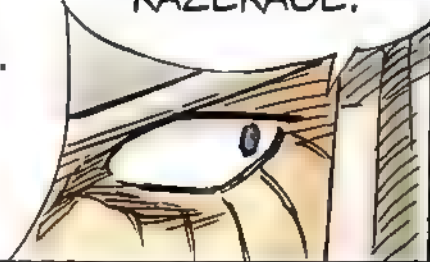




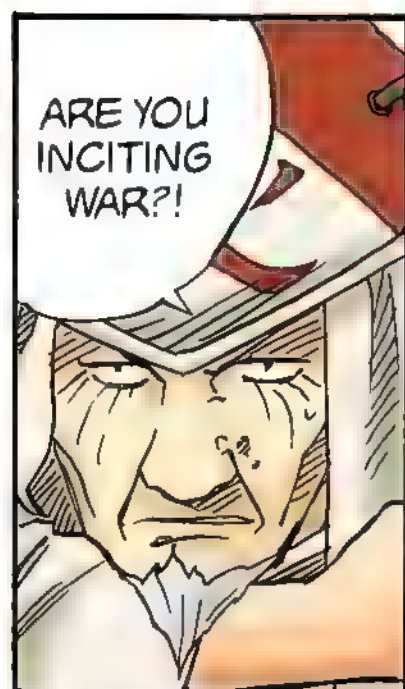


THERE
IS
STILL
TIME
FOR
THAT...

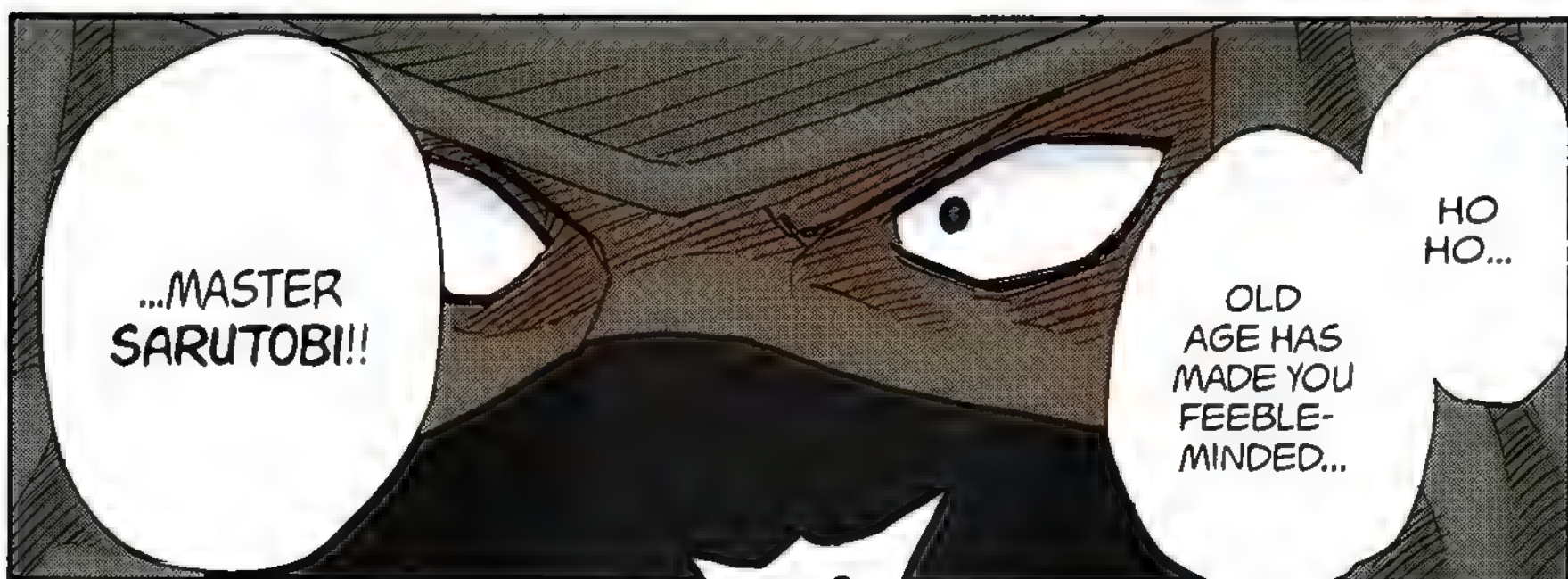
LET US AVOID
VIOLENCE
AND INSTEAD
REACH A
SETTLEMENT
THROUGH
NEGOTIATION...
LORD
KAZEKAGE.



INDEED.



ARE YOU
INCITING
WAR?!



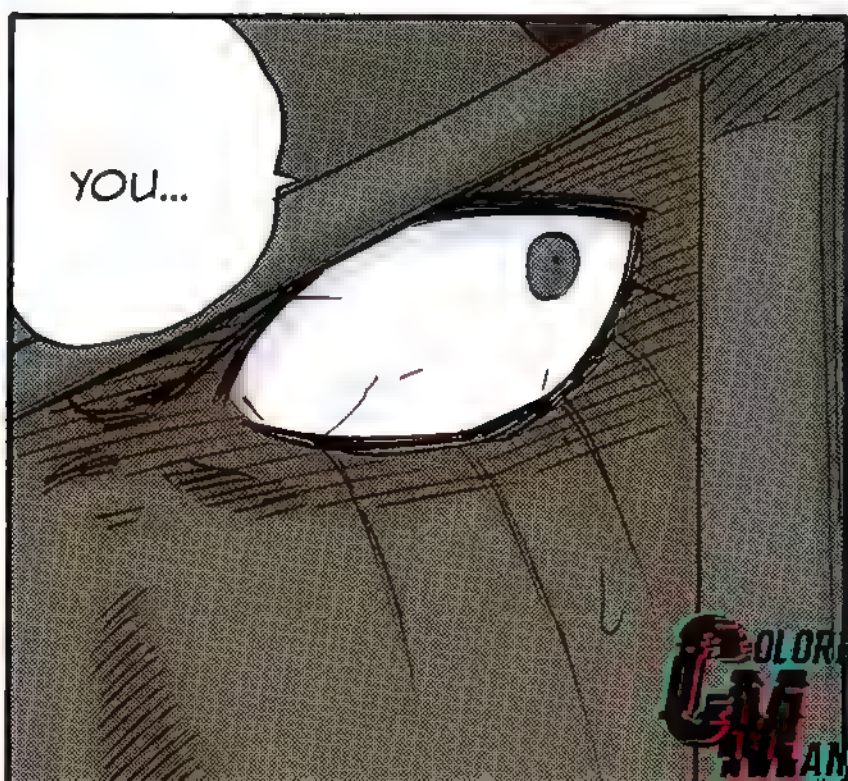
...MASTER
SARUTOBI!!

HO
HO...

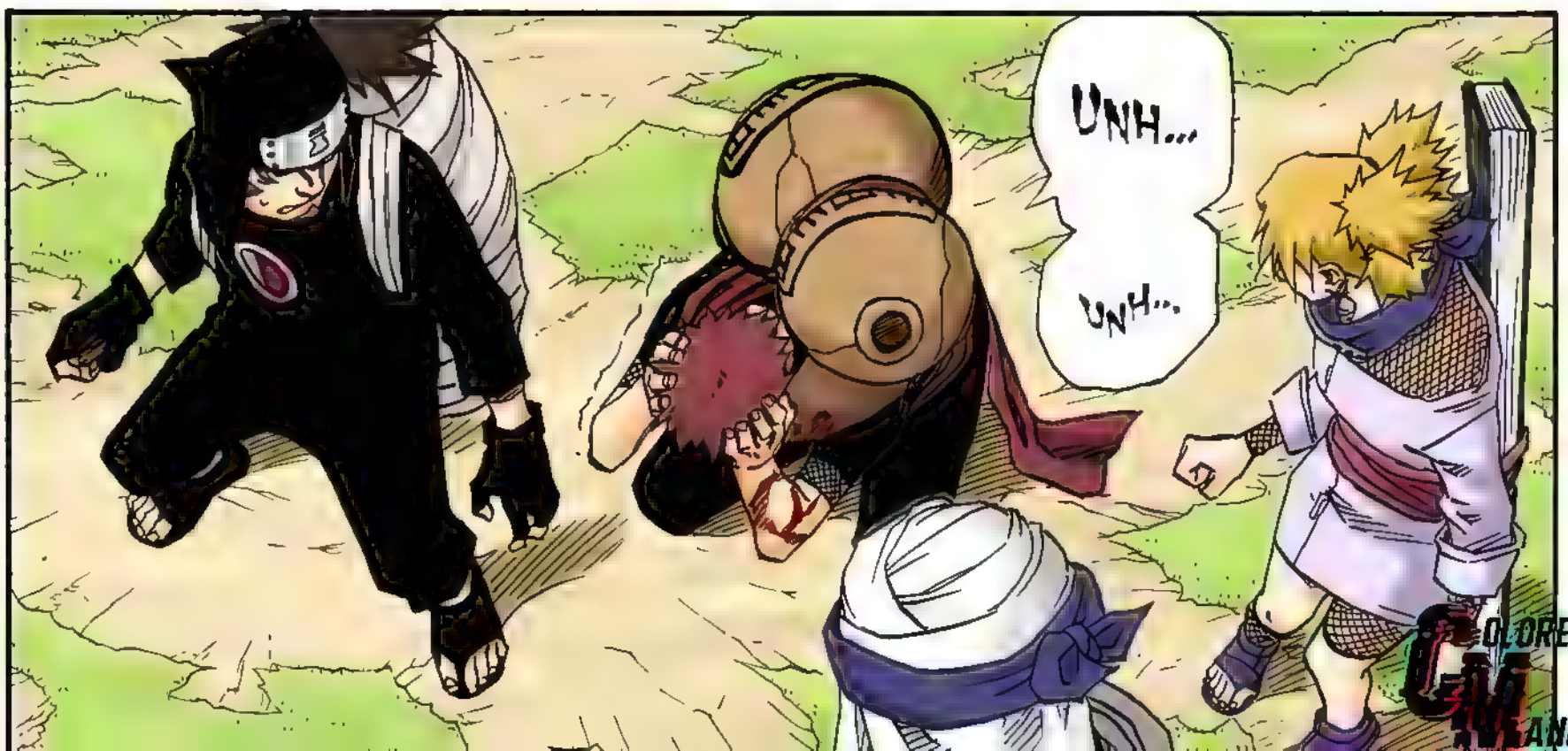
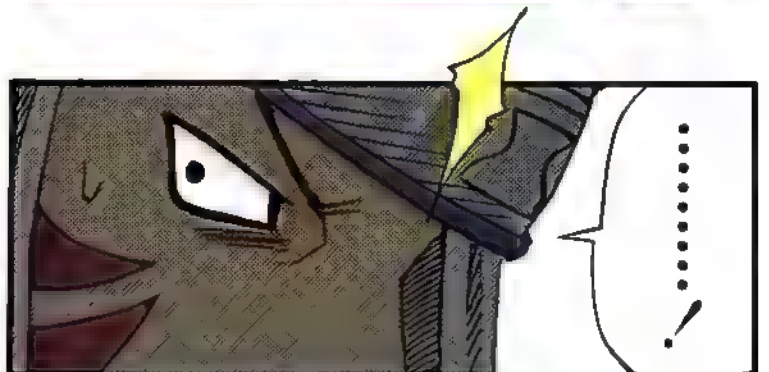
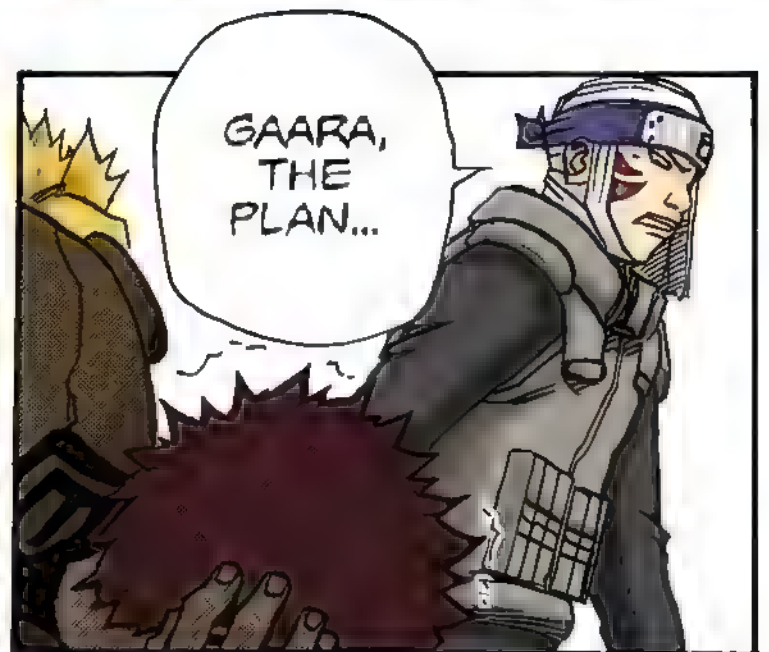
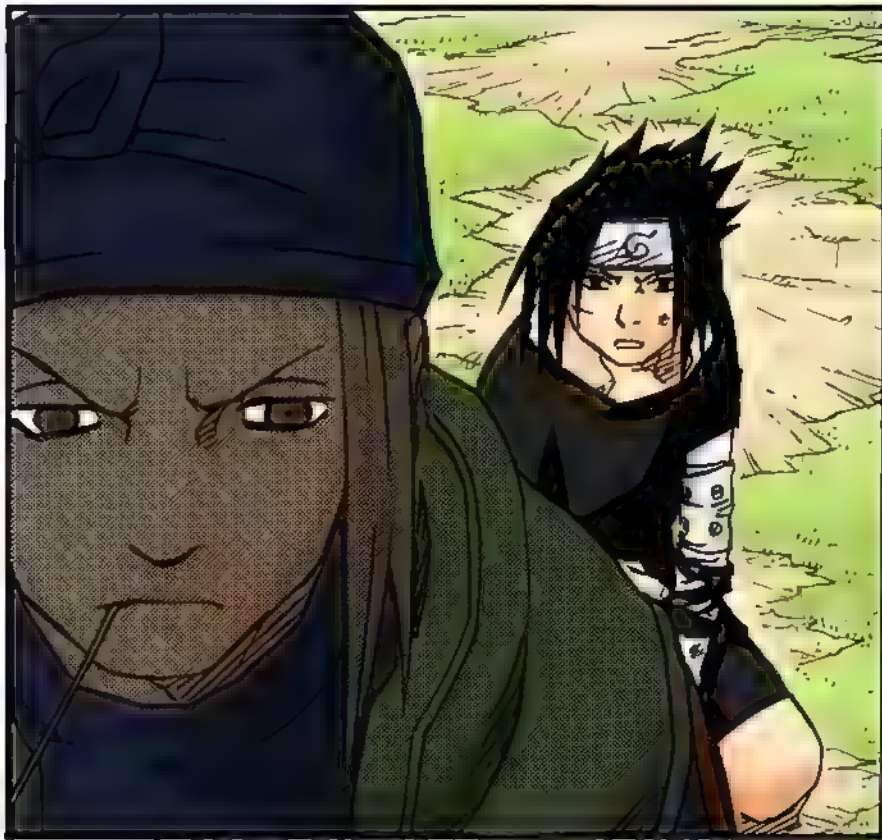
OLD
AGE HAS
MADE YOU
FEEBLE-
MINDED...

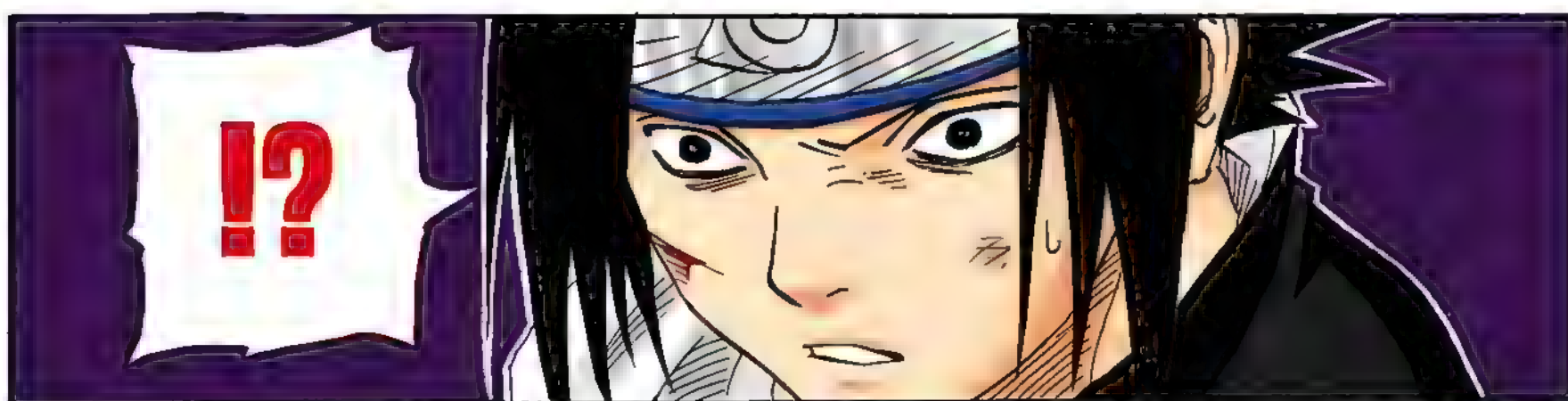
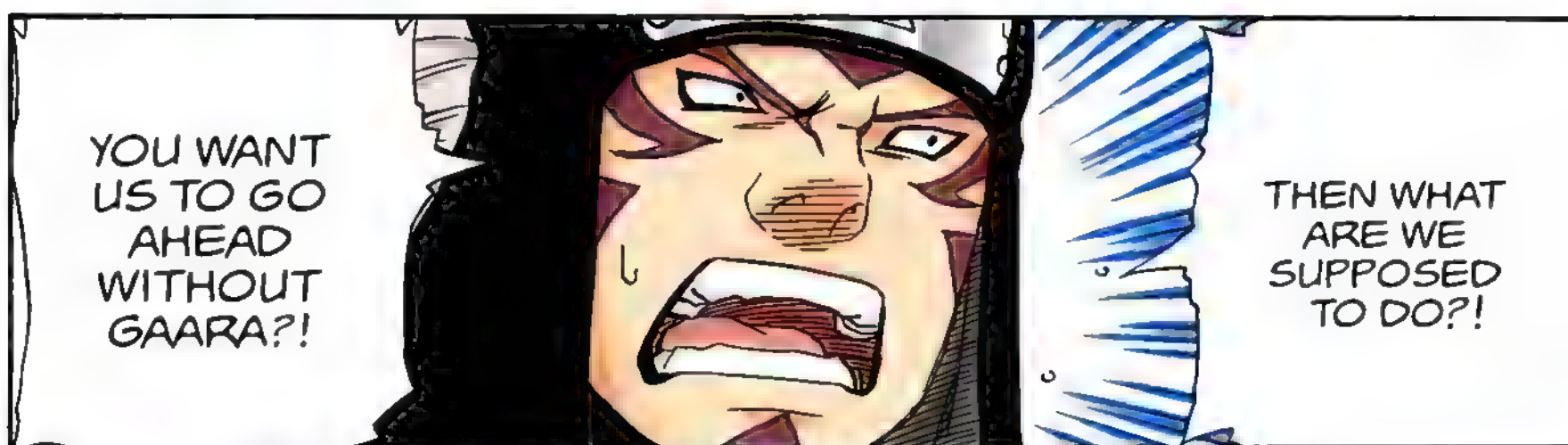
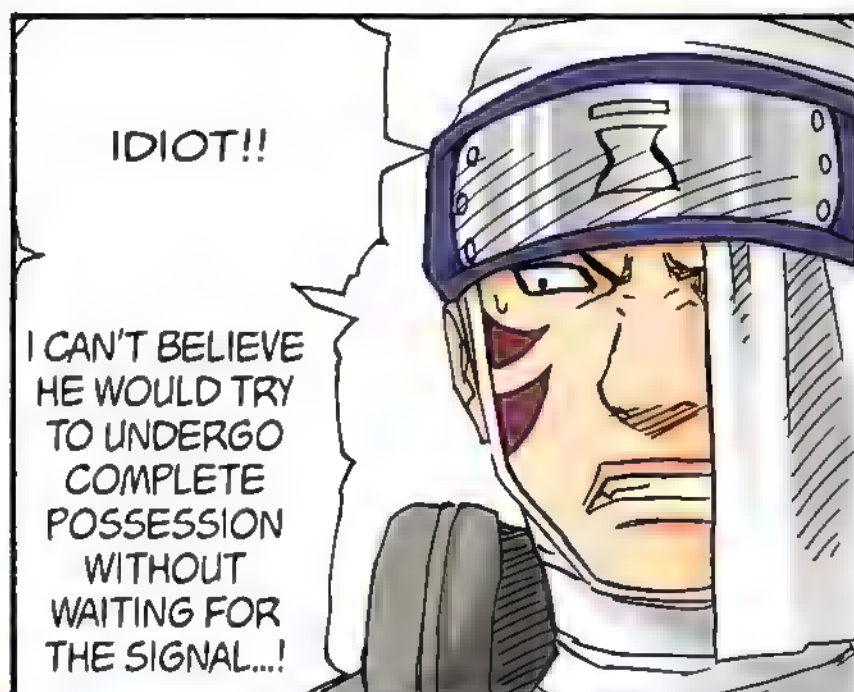
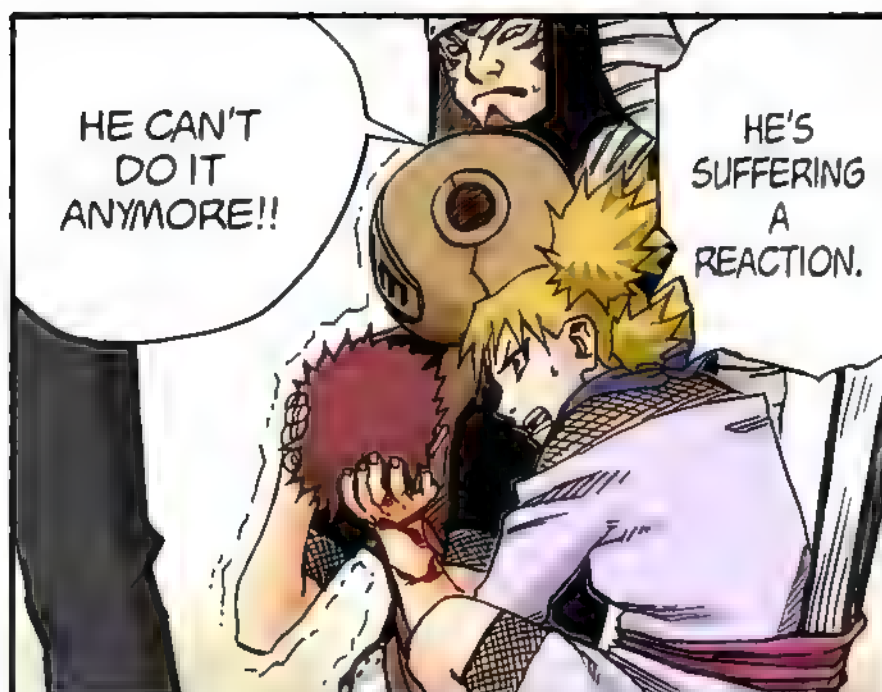


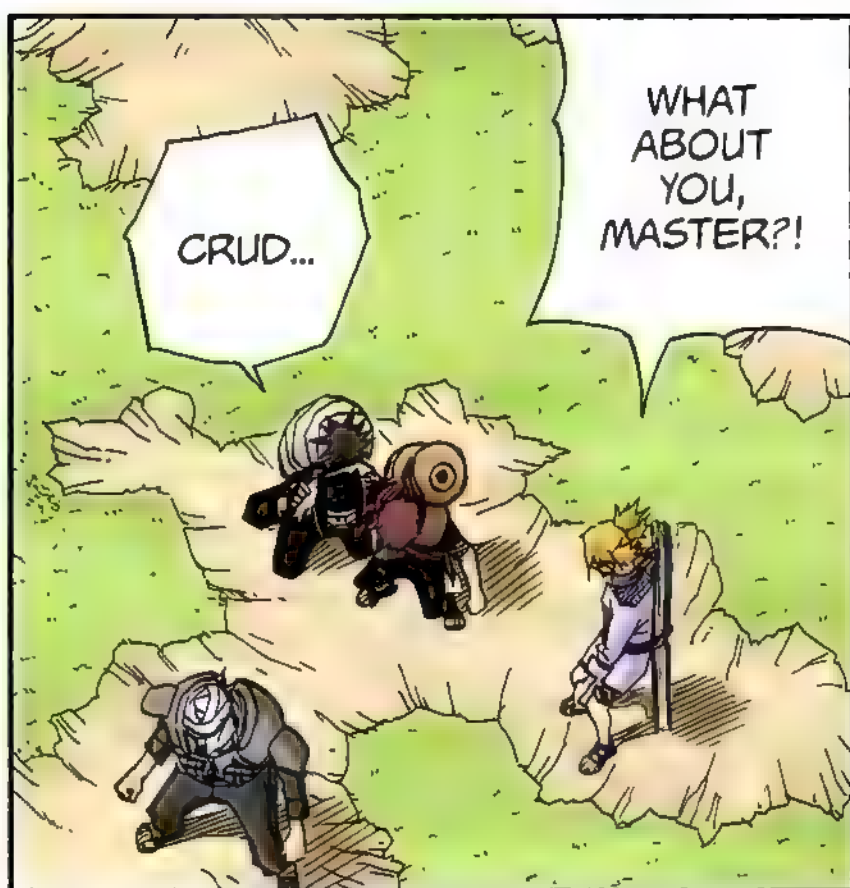
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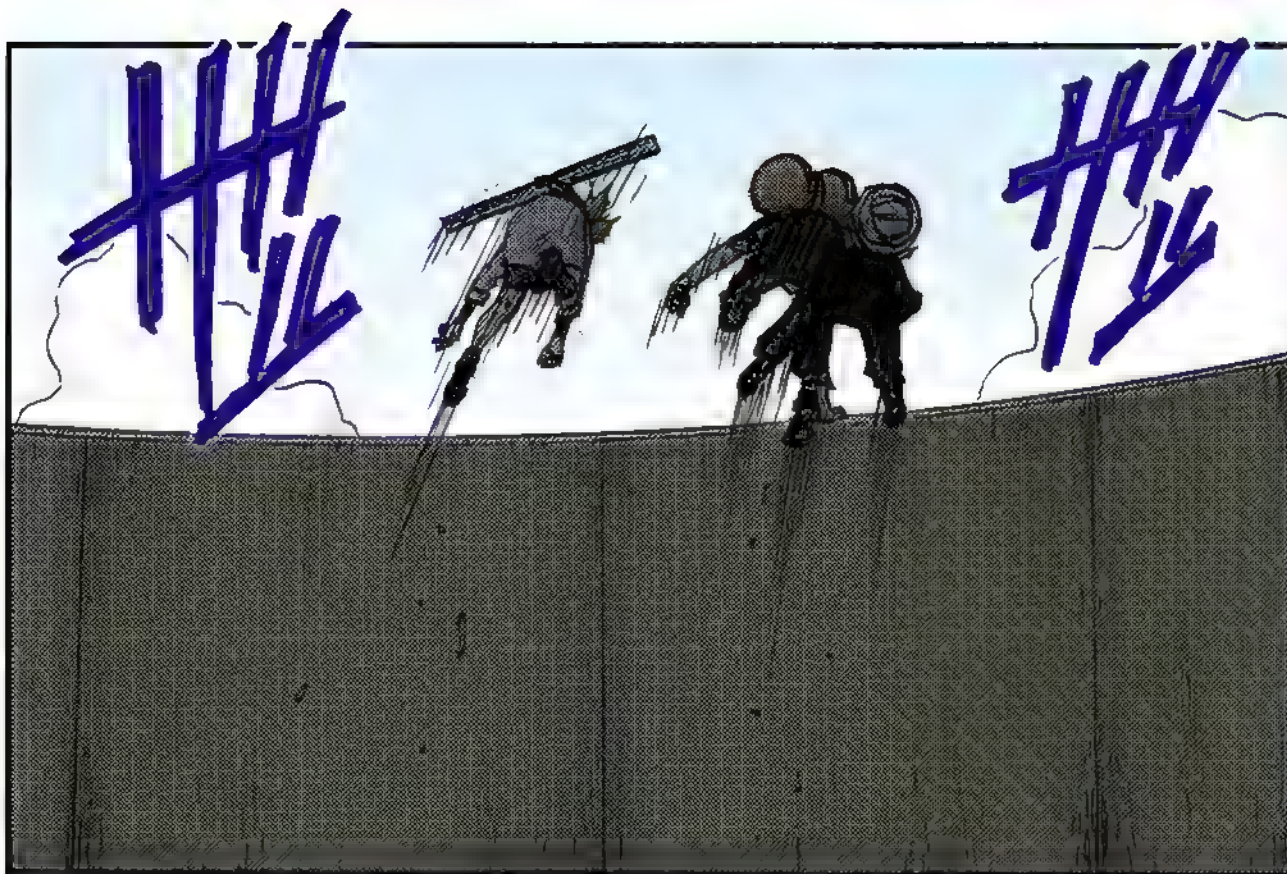


YOU...



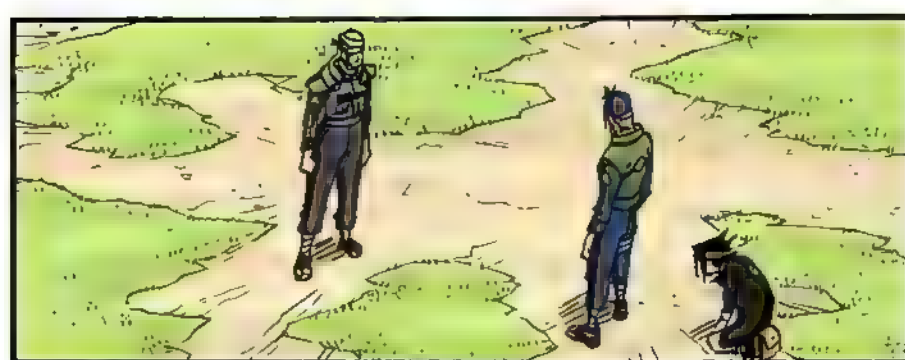






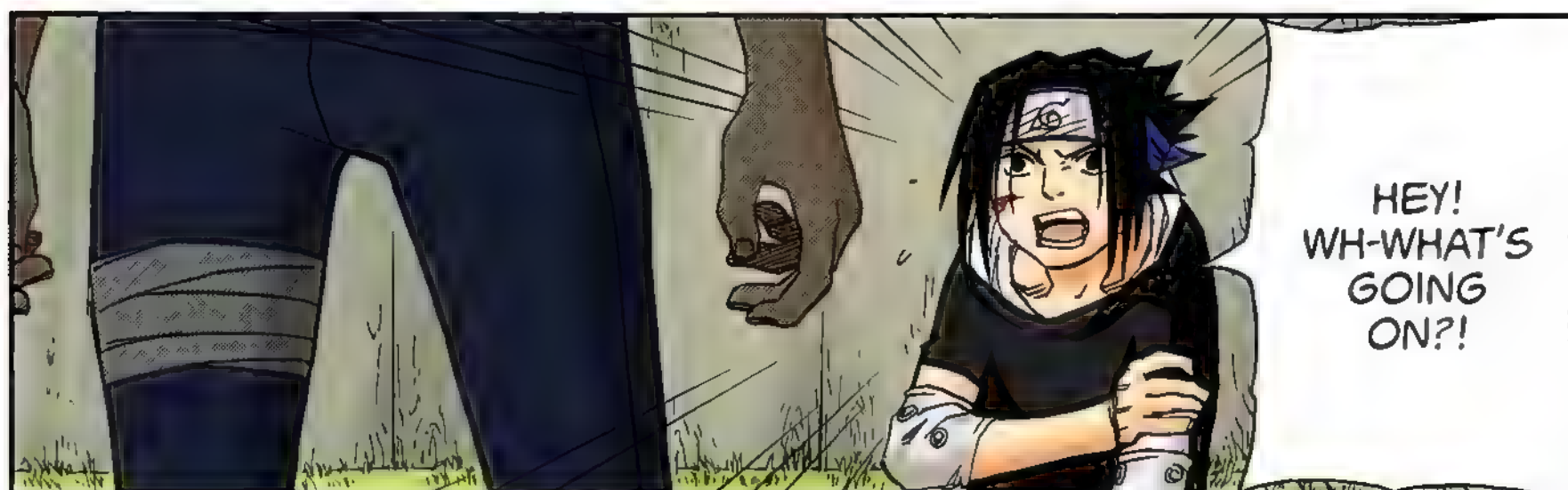
LET'S
JUST
AMP
THINGS
UP A BIT,
SHALL
WE...?

WHO
KNOWS...?

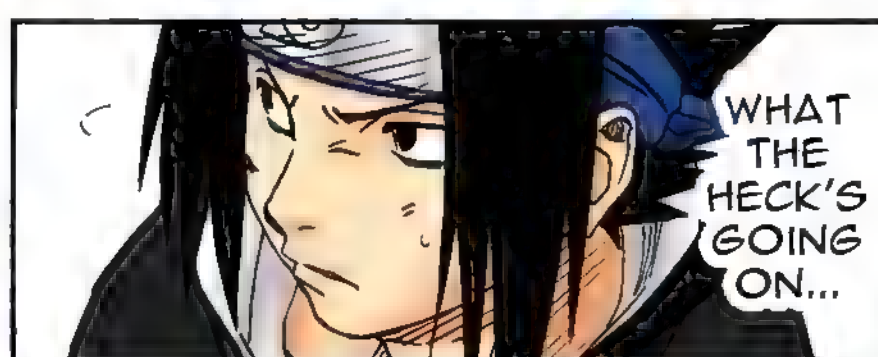
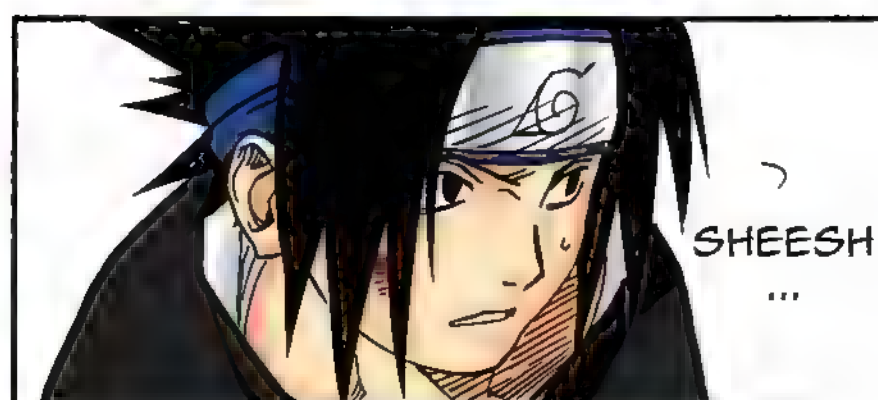
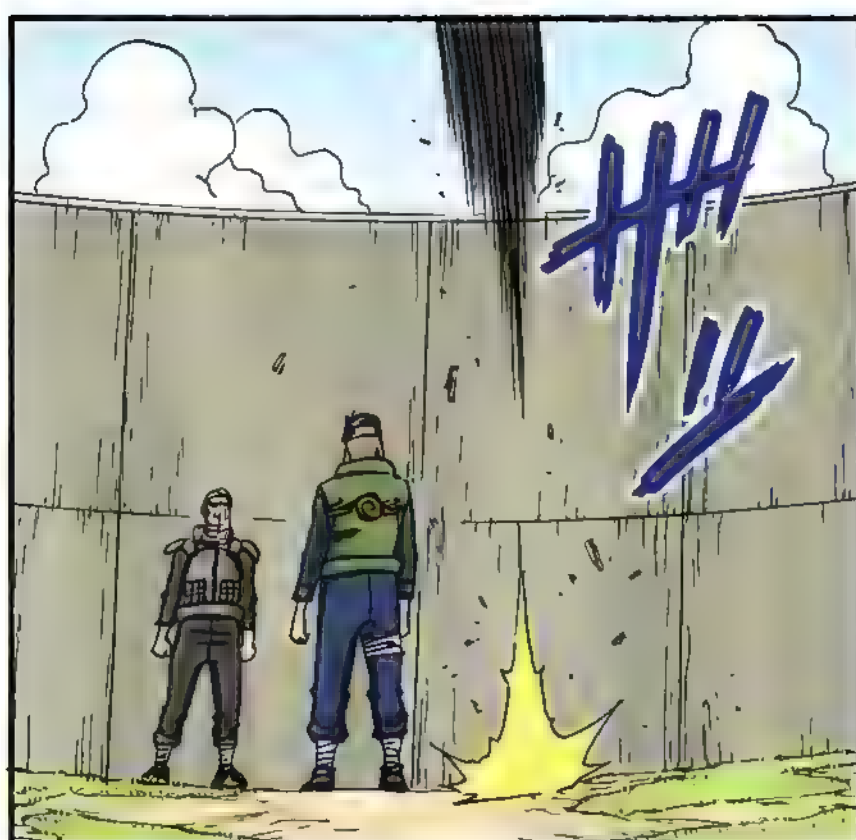
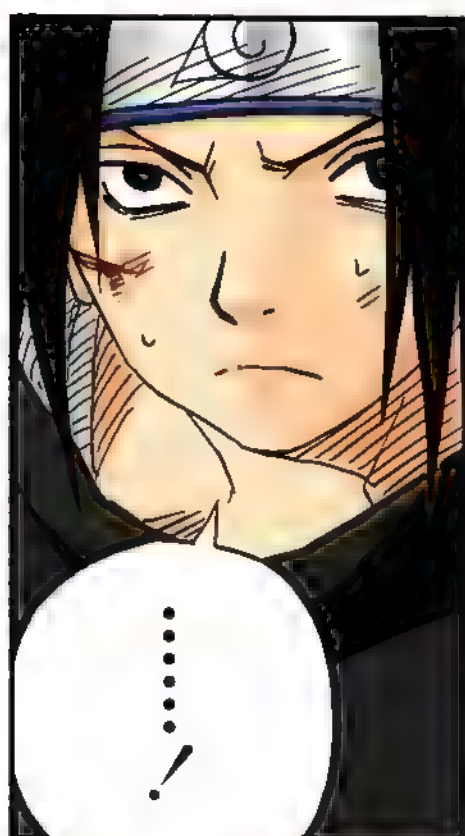


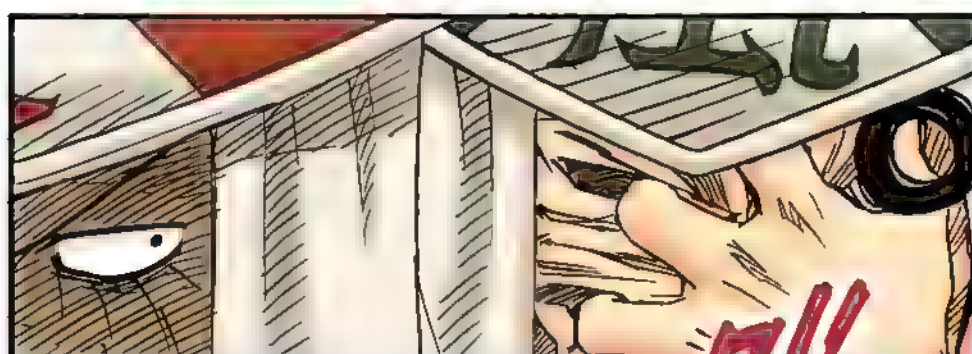
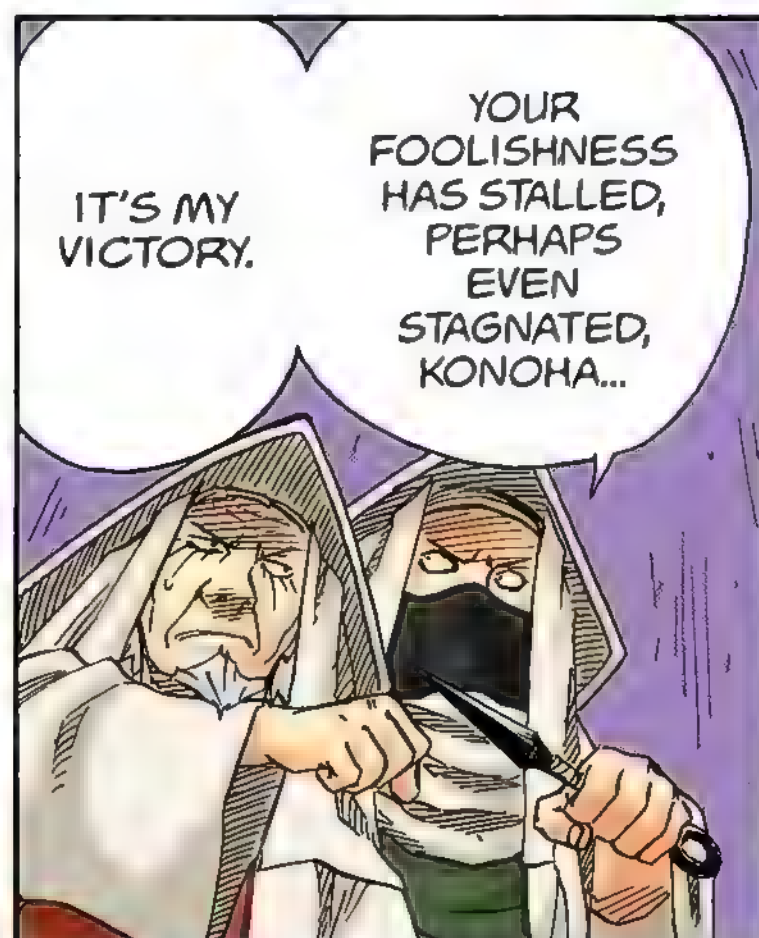
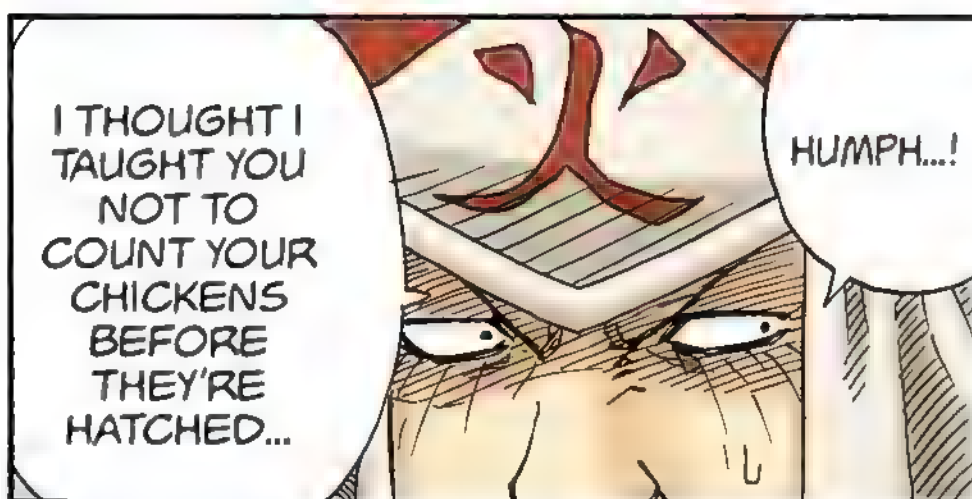
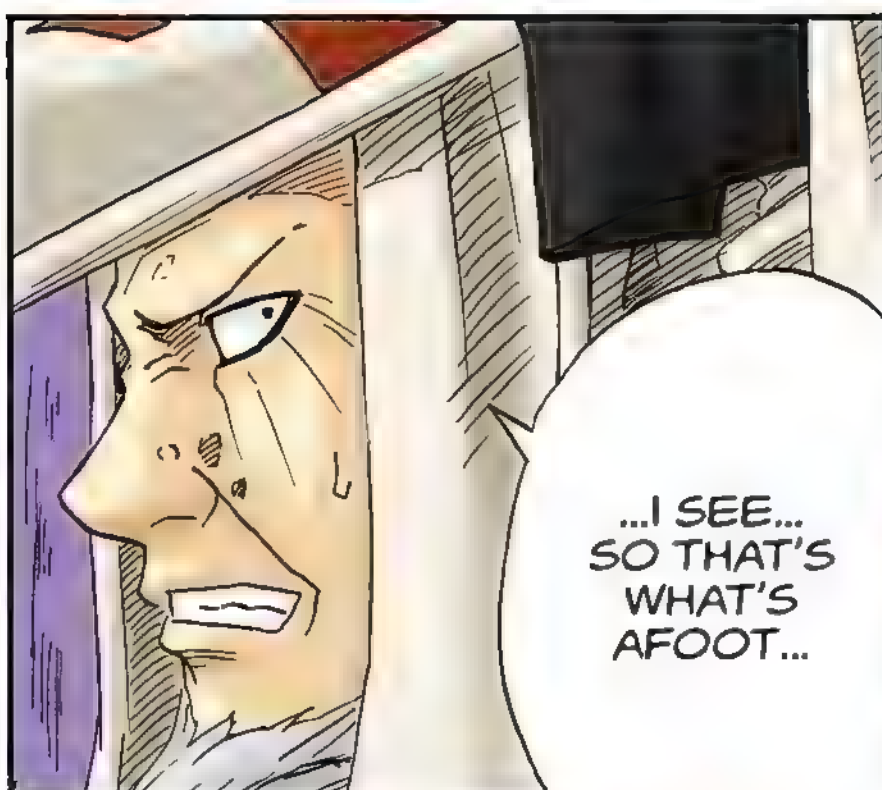
...OROCHIMARU?

IS THE
HOST OF
THIS
LITTLE
PARTY...



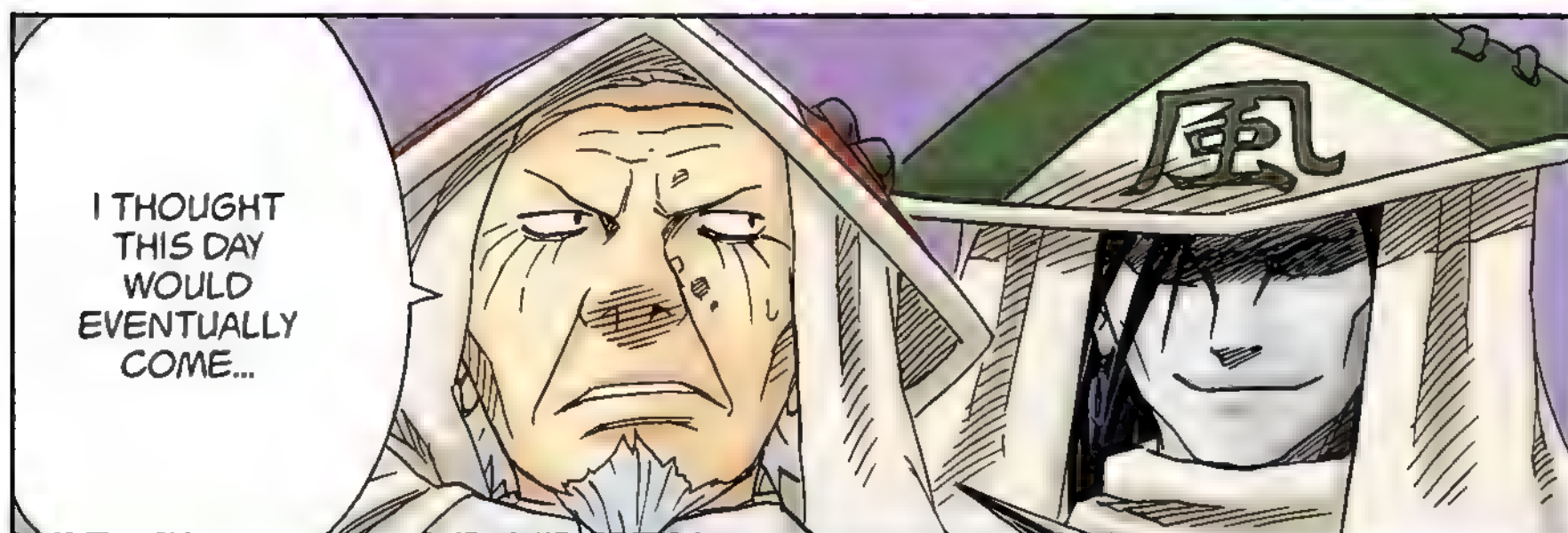
HEY!
WH-WHAT'S
GOING
ON?!



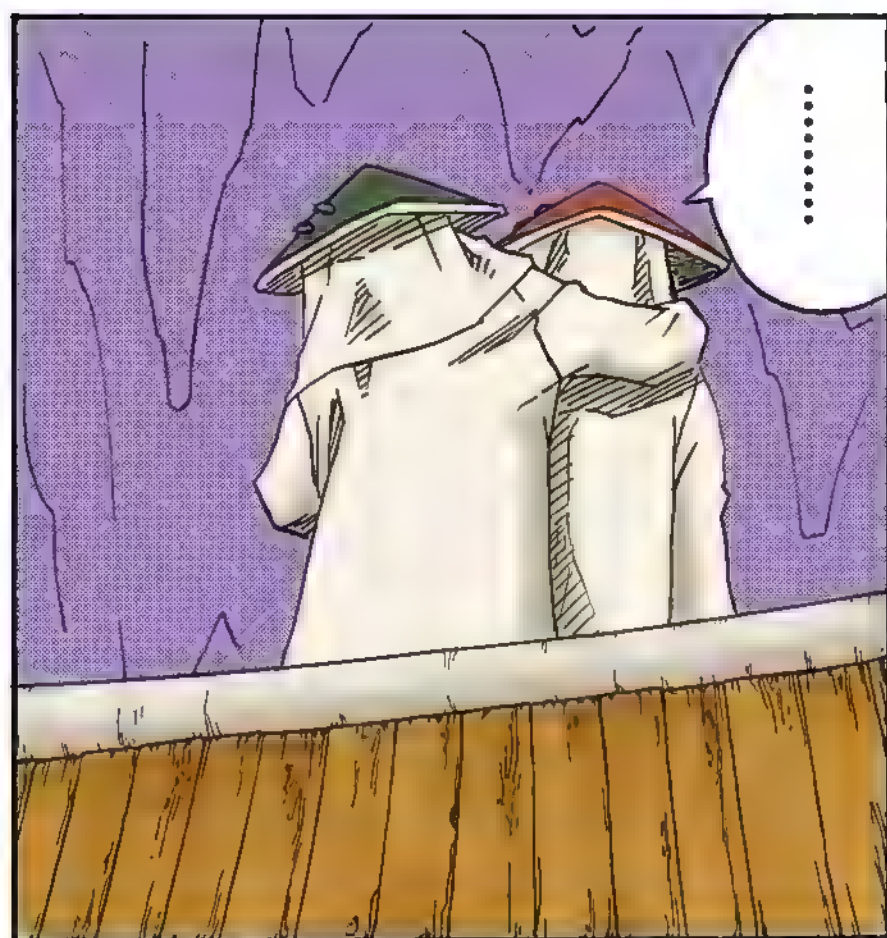


...
OROCHIMARU.

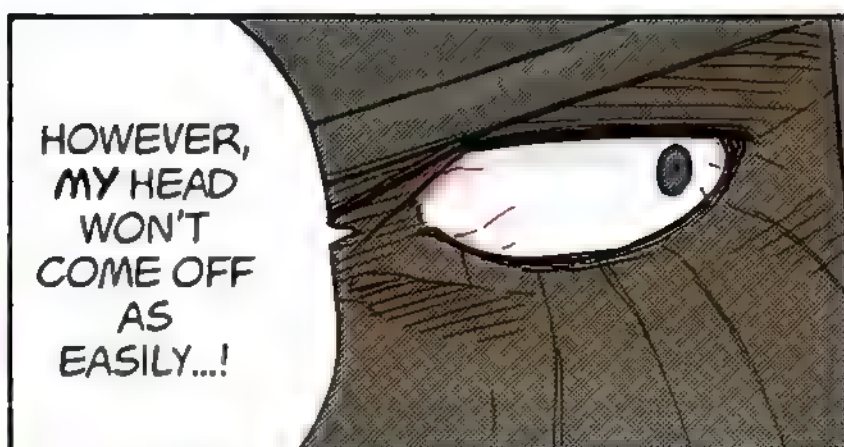
「天」



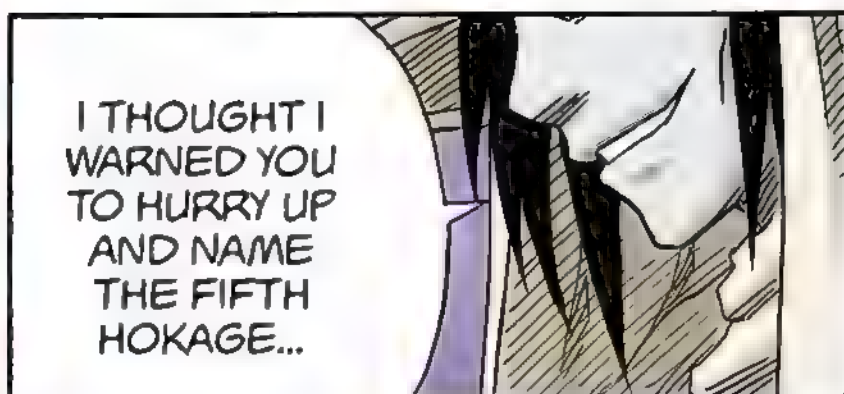
I THOUGHT
THIS DAY
WOULD
EVENTUALLY
COME...



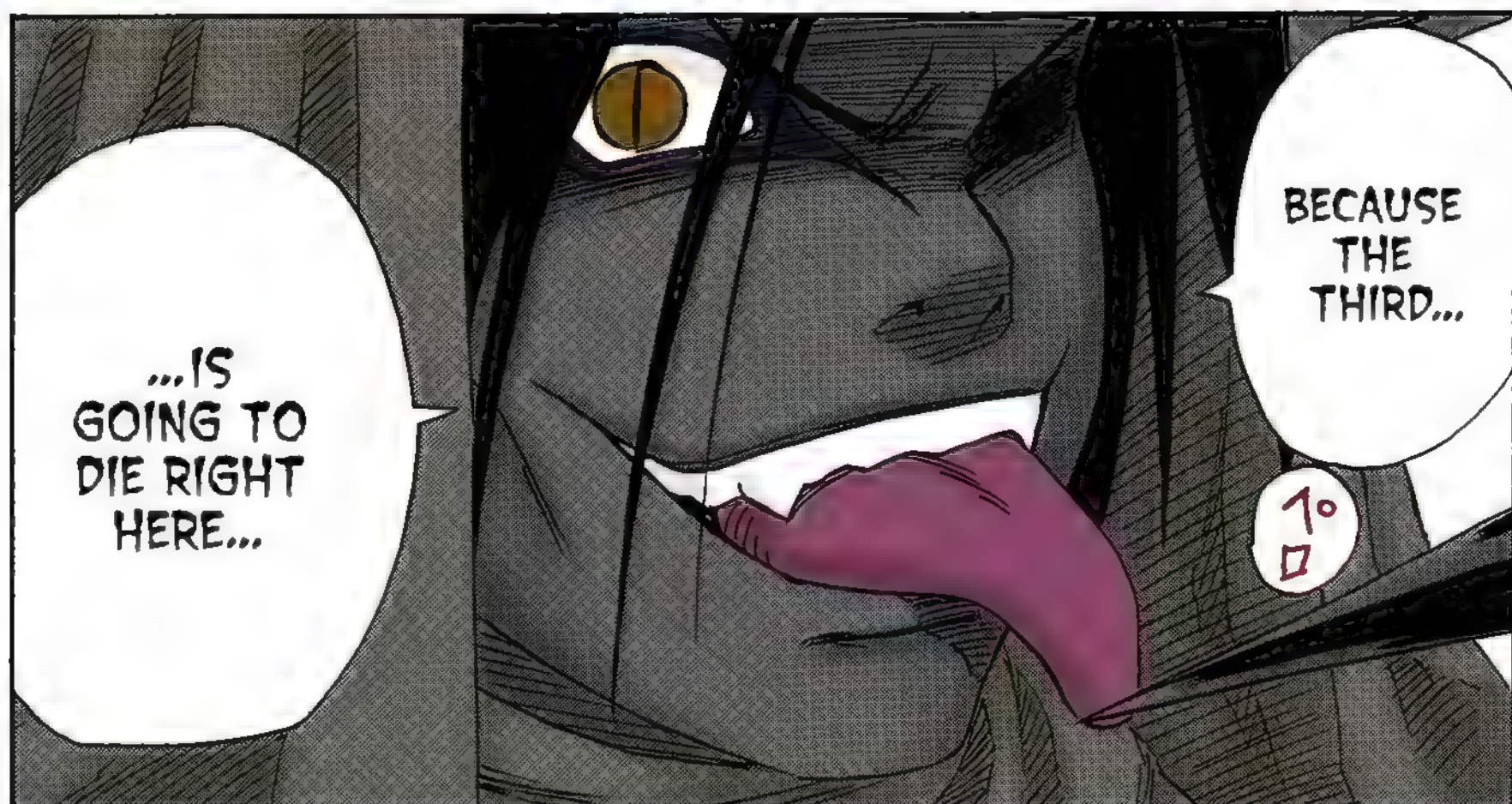
.....



HOWEVER,
MY HEAD
WON'T
COME OFF
AS
EASILY...!



I THOUGHT I
WARNED YOU
TO HURRY UP
AND NAME
THE FIFTH
HOKAGE...



...IS
GOING TO
DIE RIGHT
HERE...

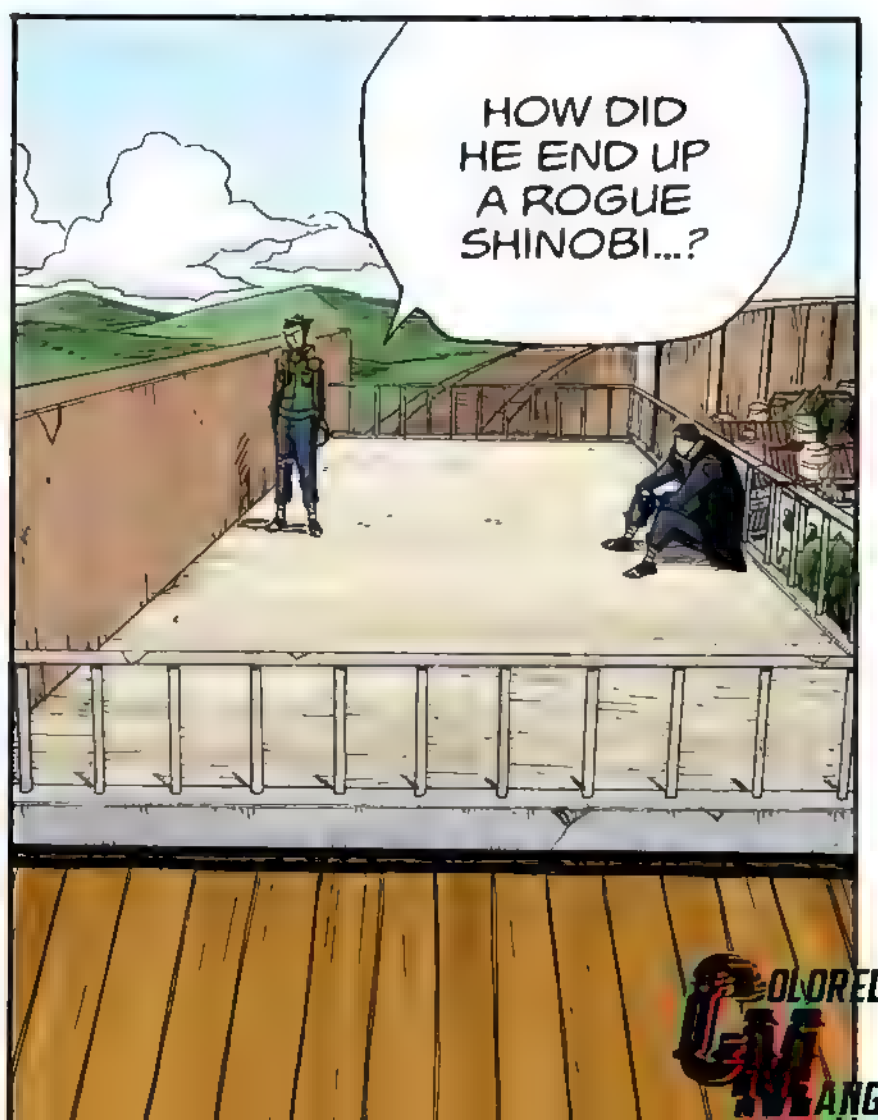
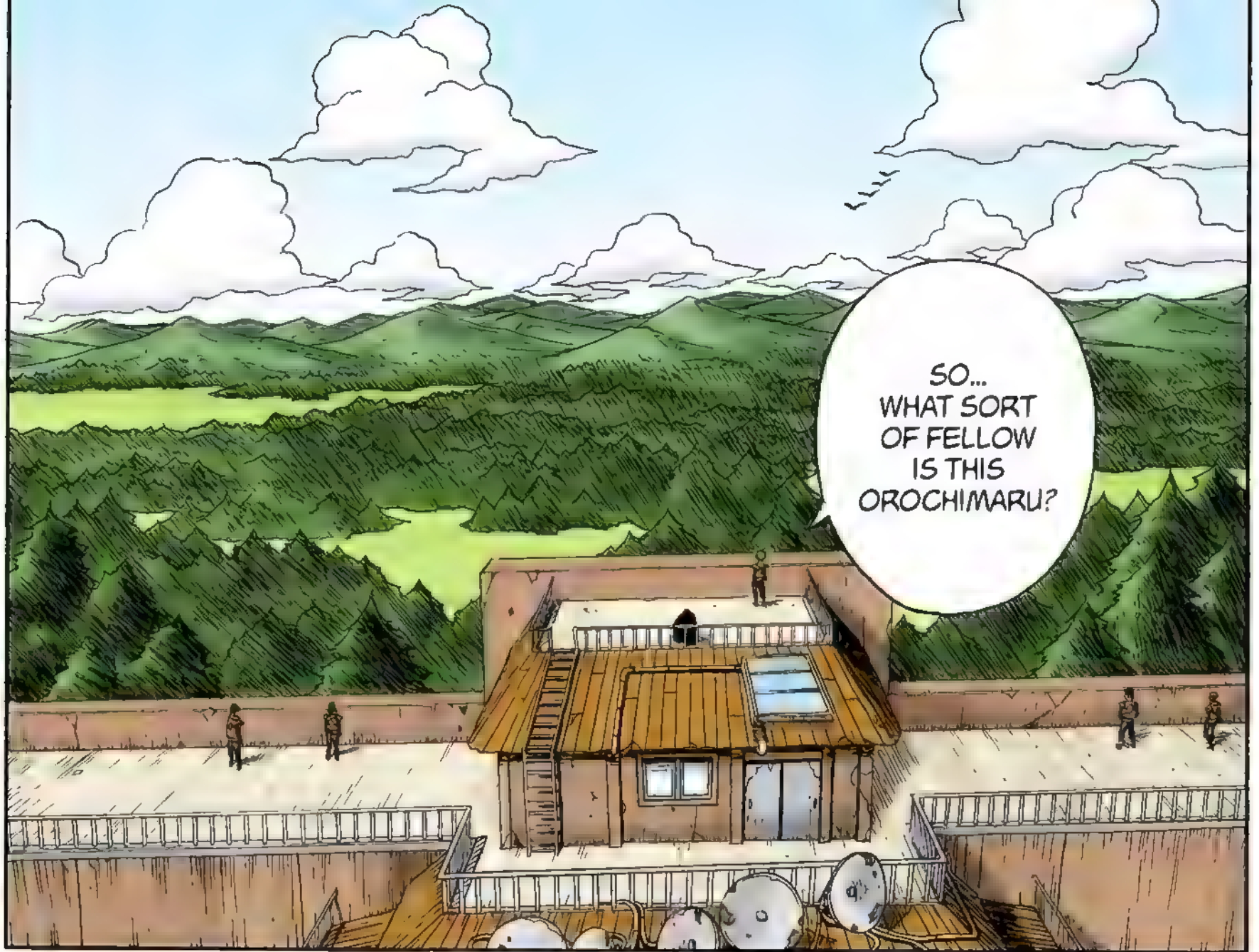
BECAUSE
THE
THIRD...

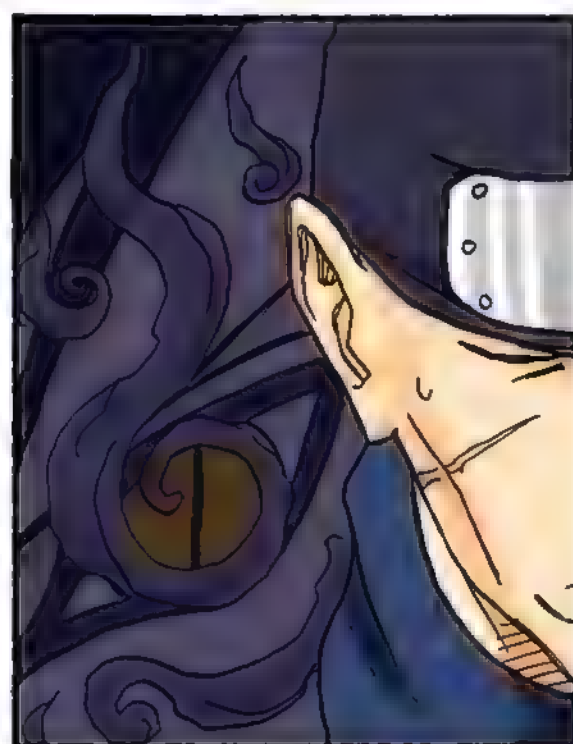
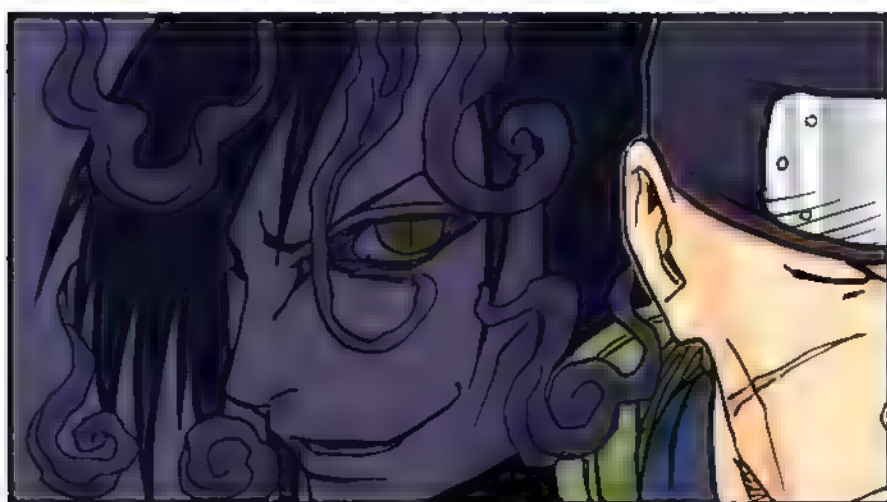
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OPERATION
DESTROY
KONOHA!!





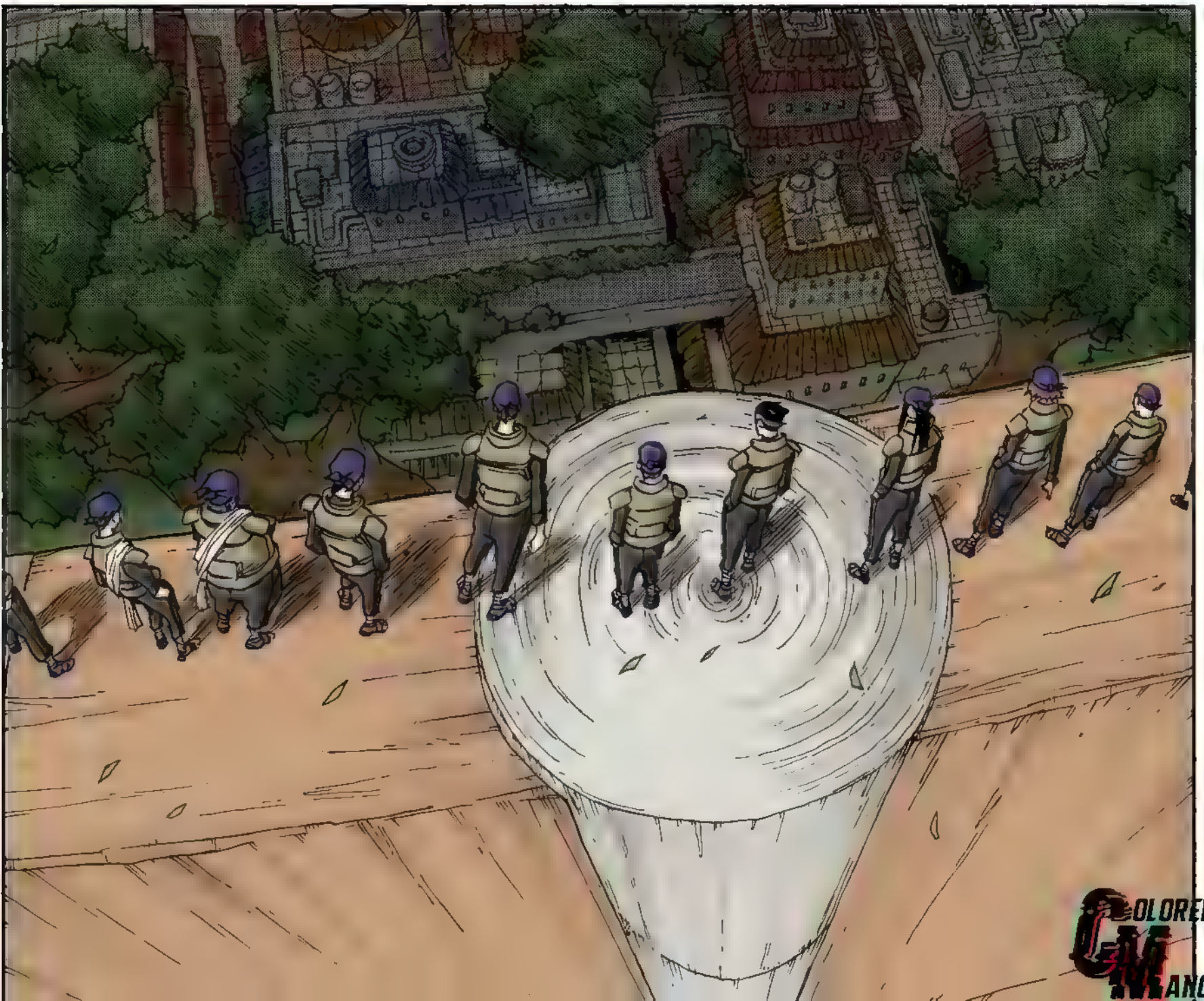
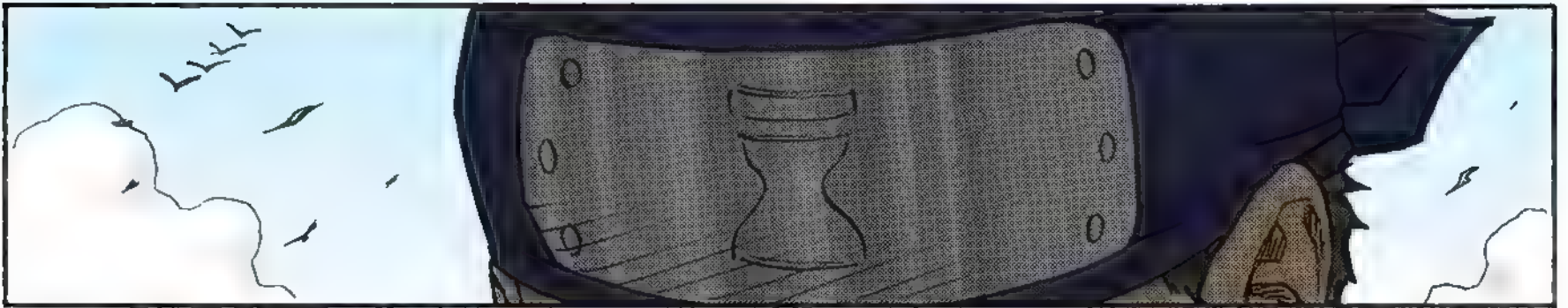
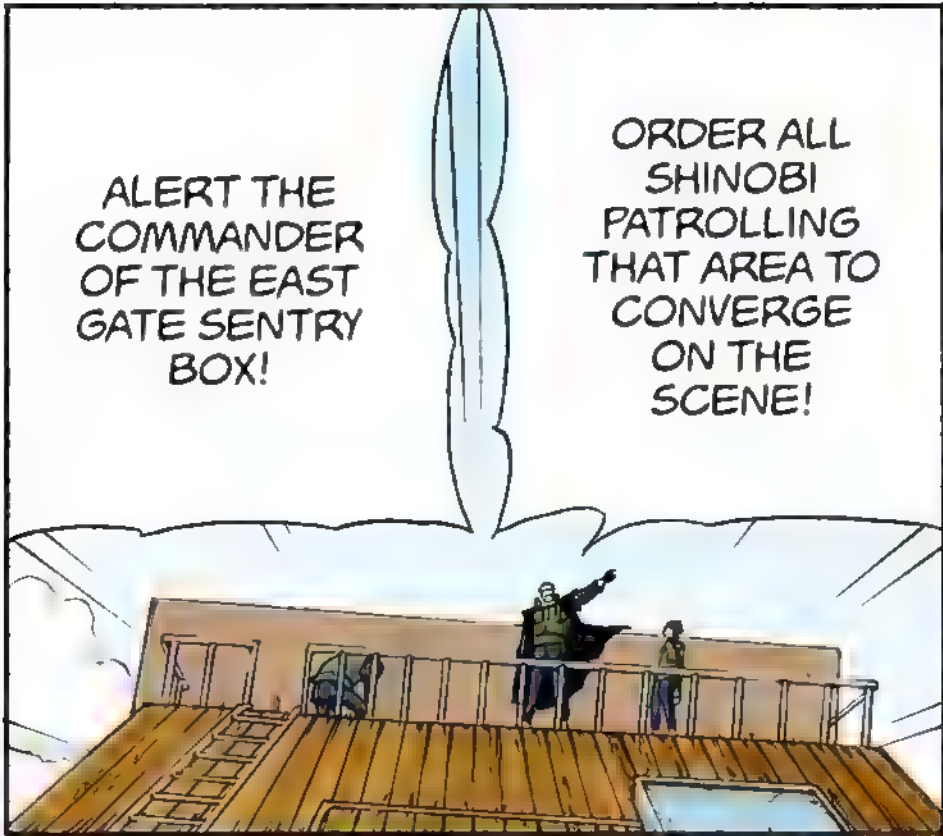
...HE
SCARED
ME.

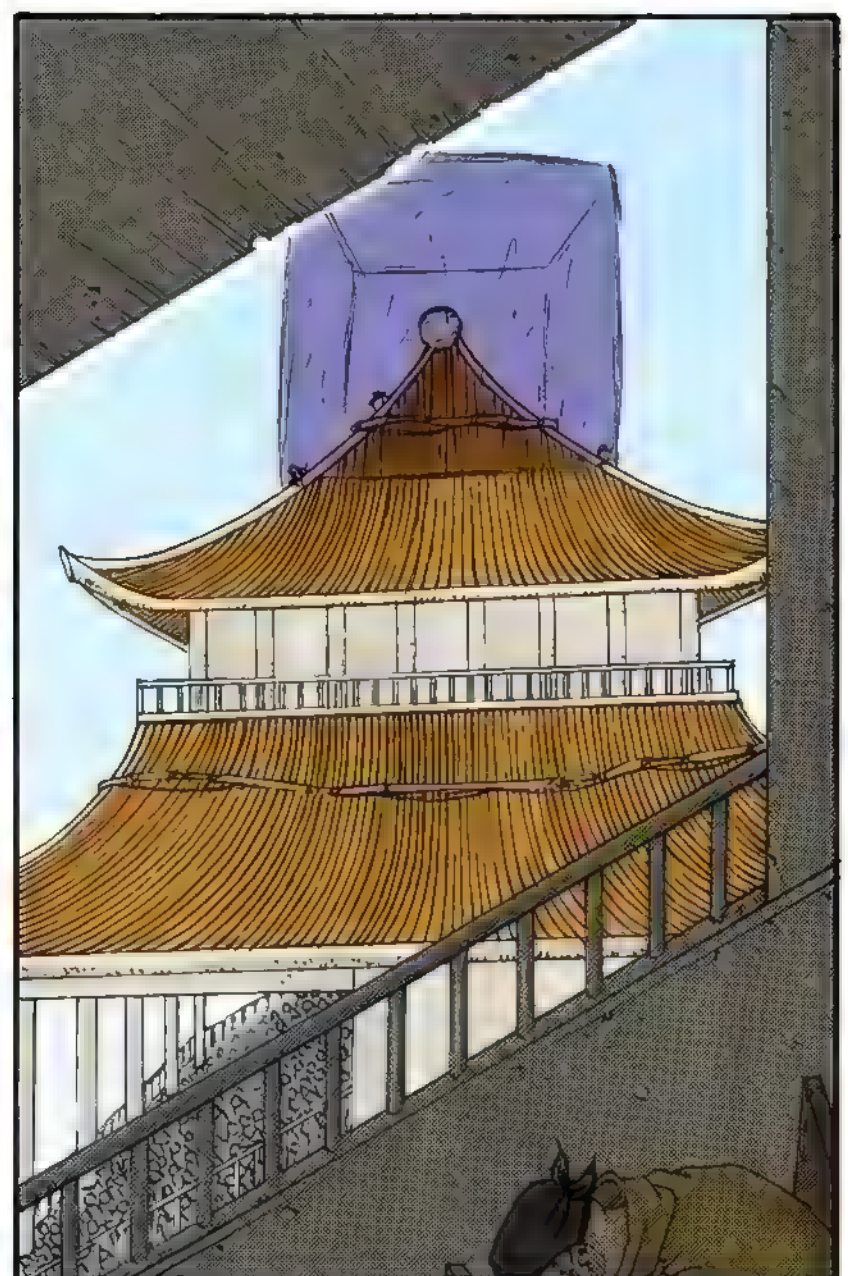
THAT HE
WASN'T
HUMAN...
MERELY
SOMETHING
THAT HAD
HUMAN
FORM...

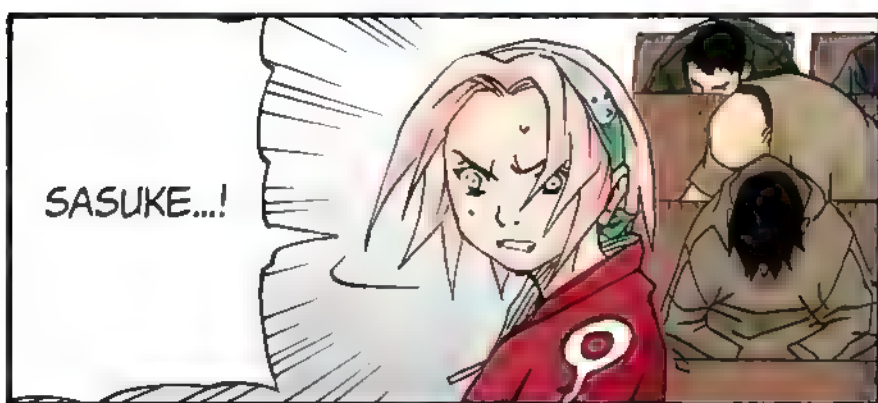
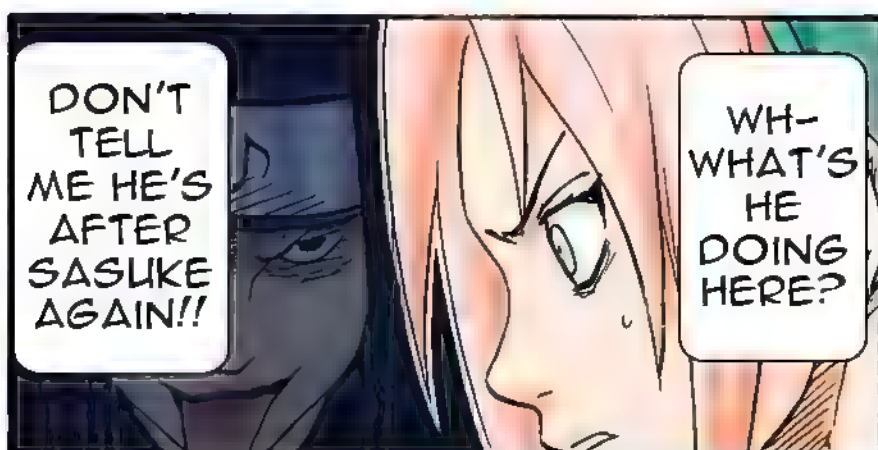
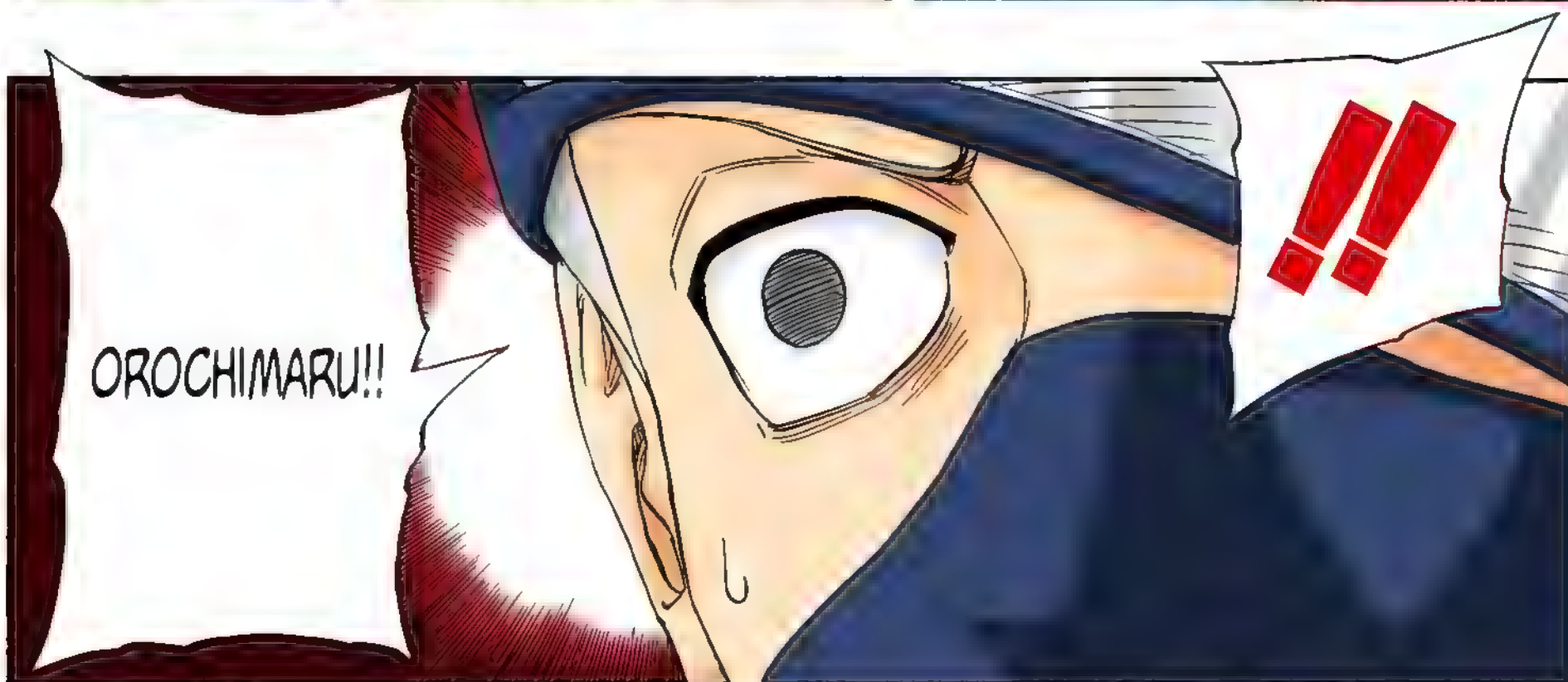
JUST...
SCARED
ME...

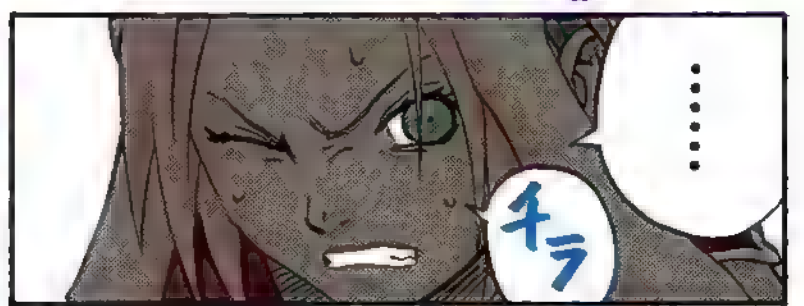
GIANT SNAKES
HAVE APPEARED IN
THE VICINITY OF
THE EAST GATE!
FOLLOWING THEM,
ROUGHLY 100 SAND
SHINOBI HAVE
INFILTRATED THE
VILLAGE!

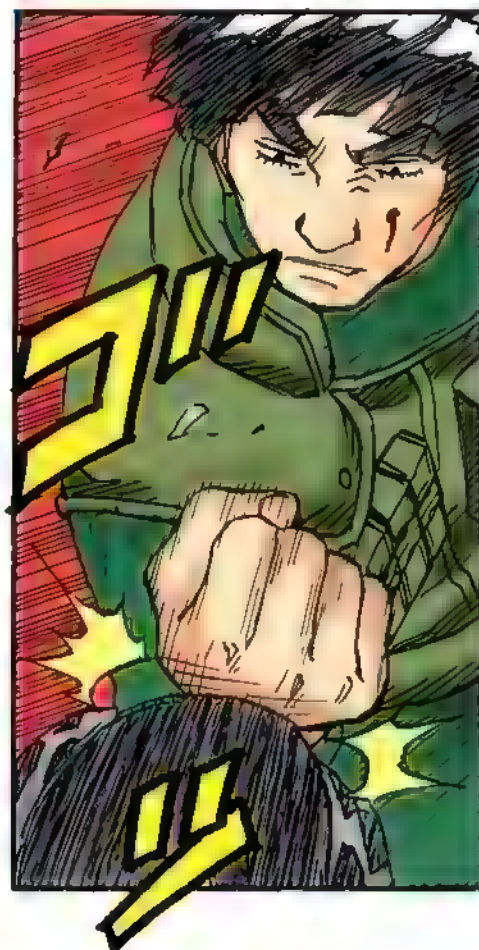
REPORTING
IN!!

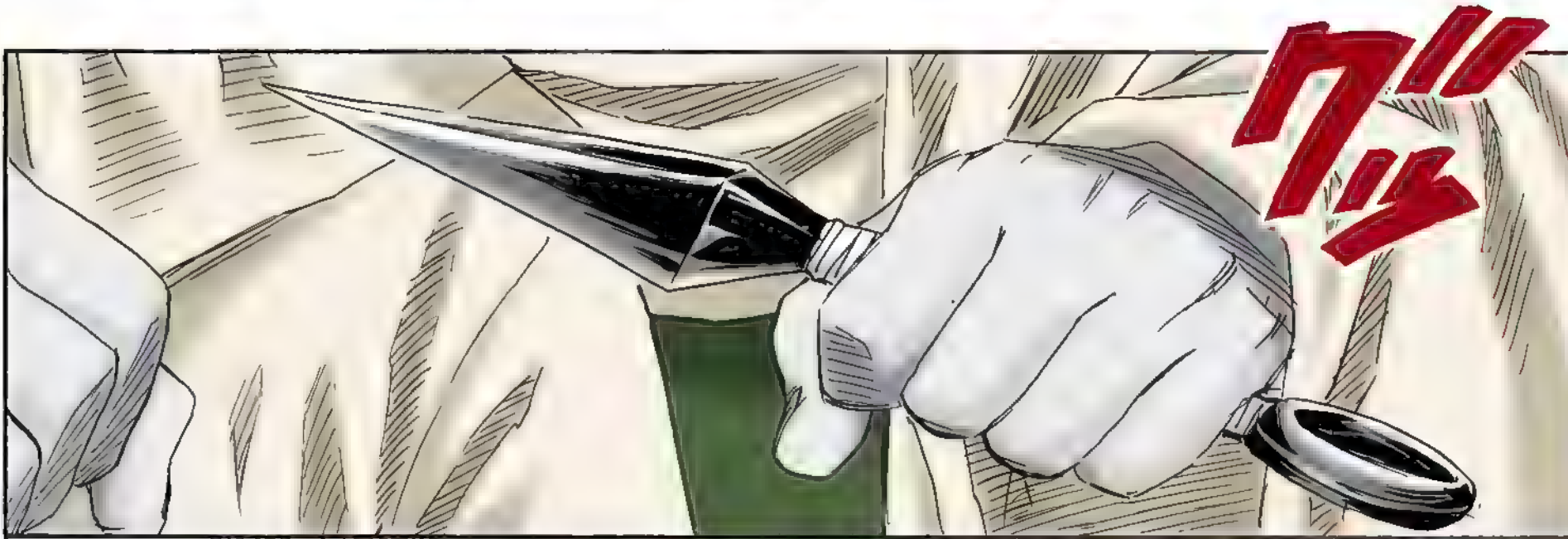
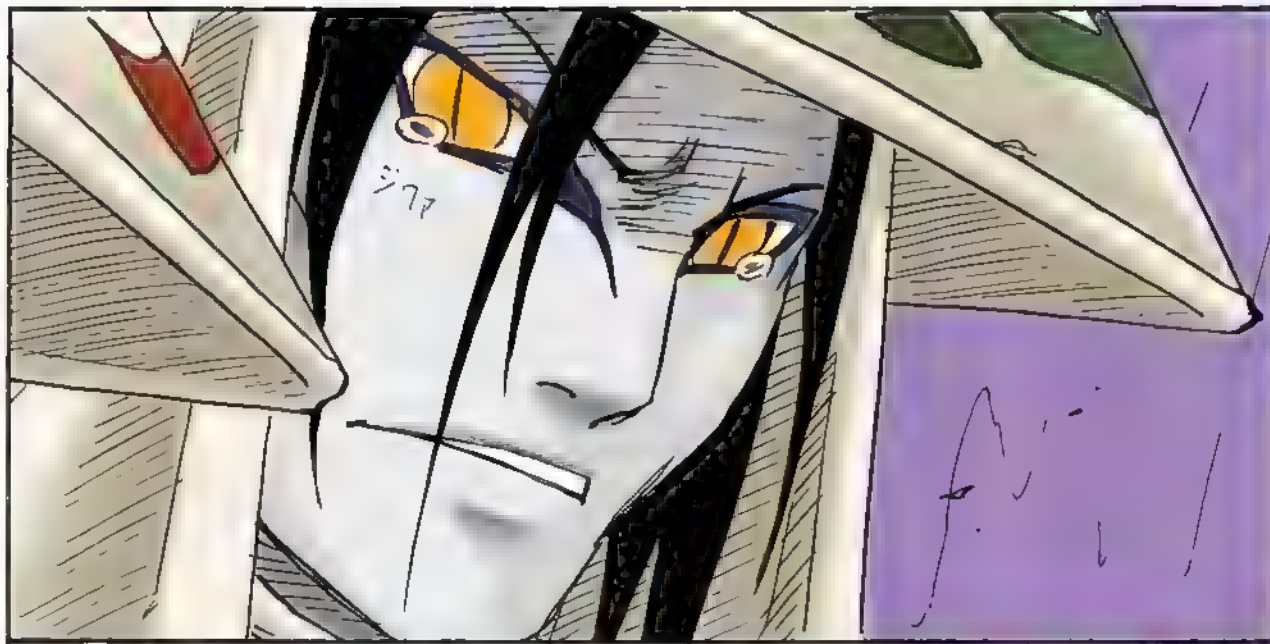
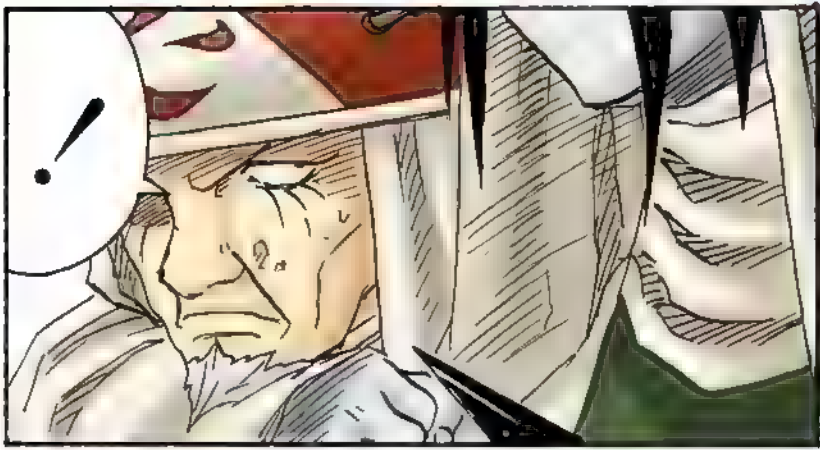
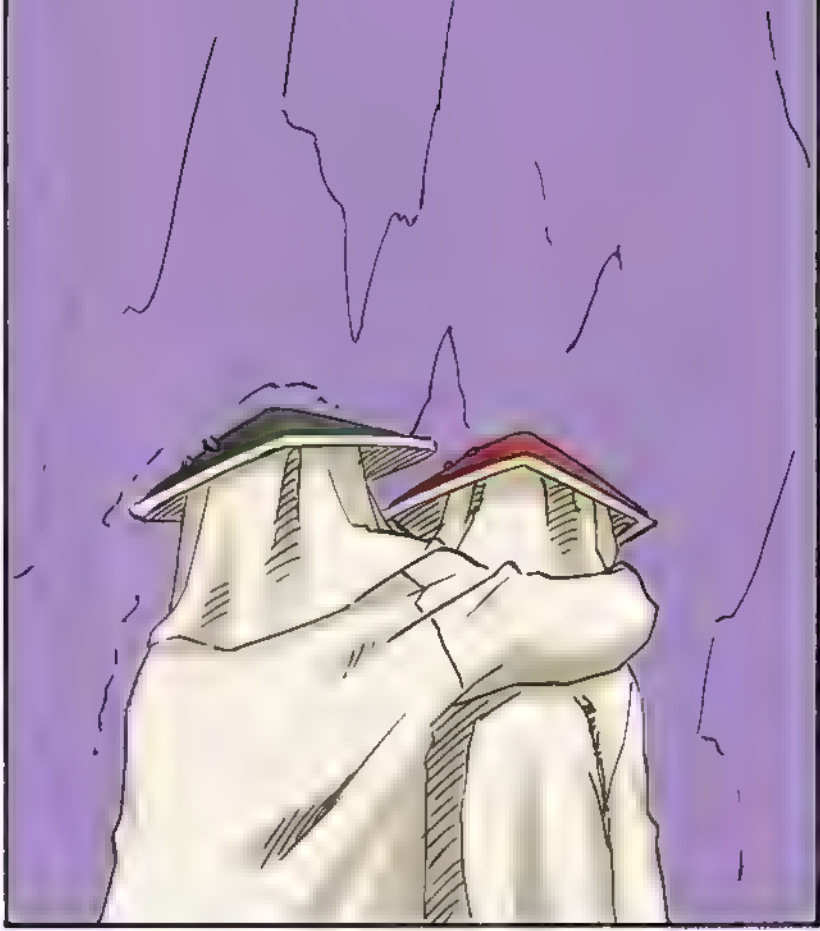


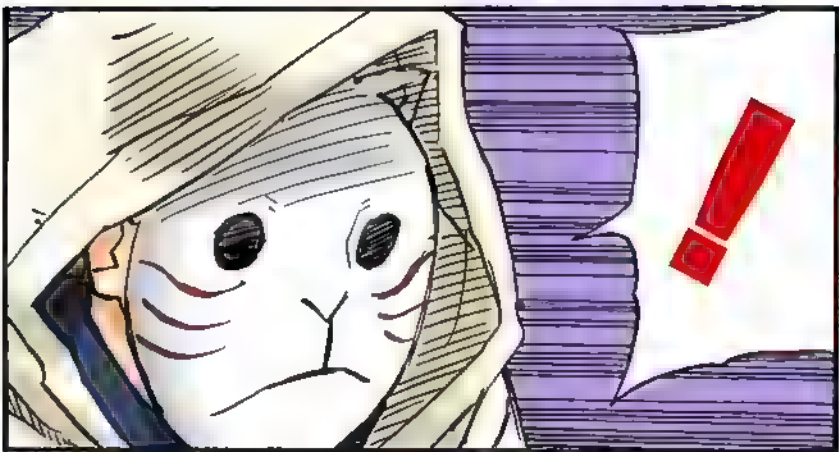
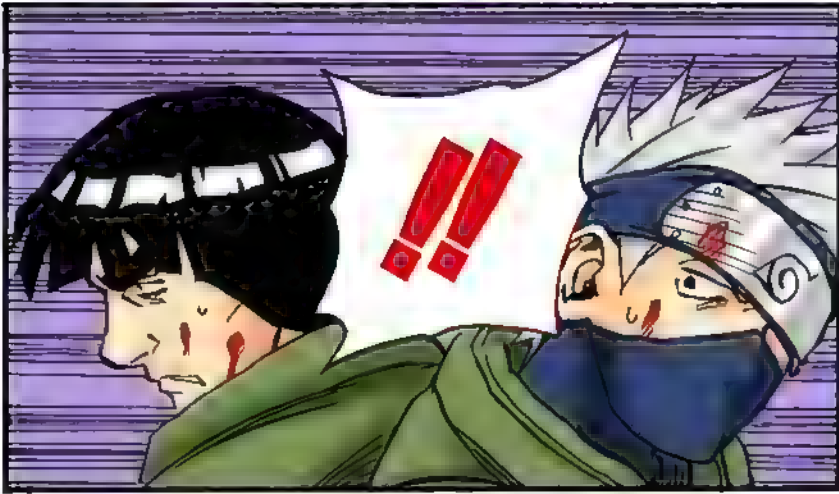
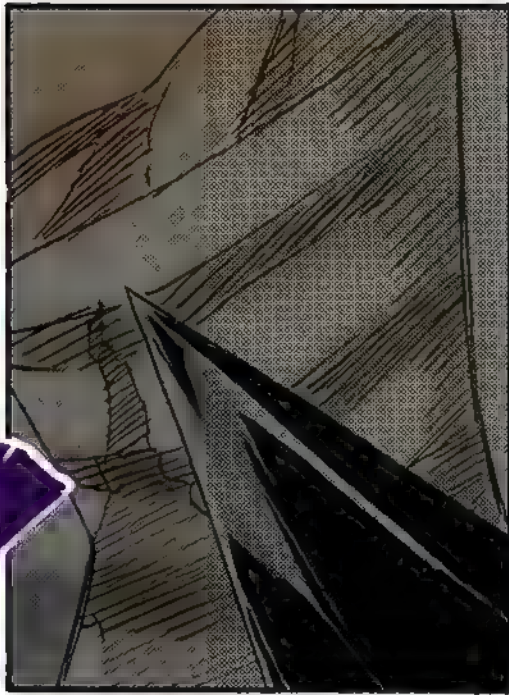


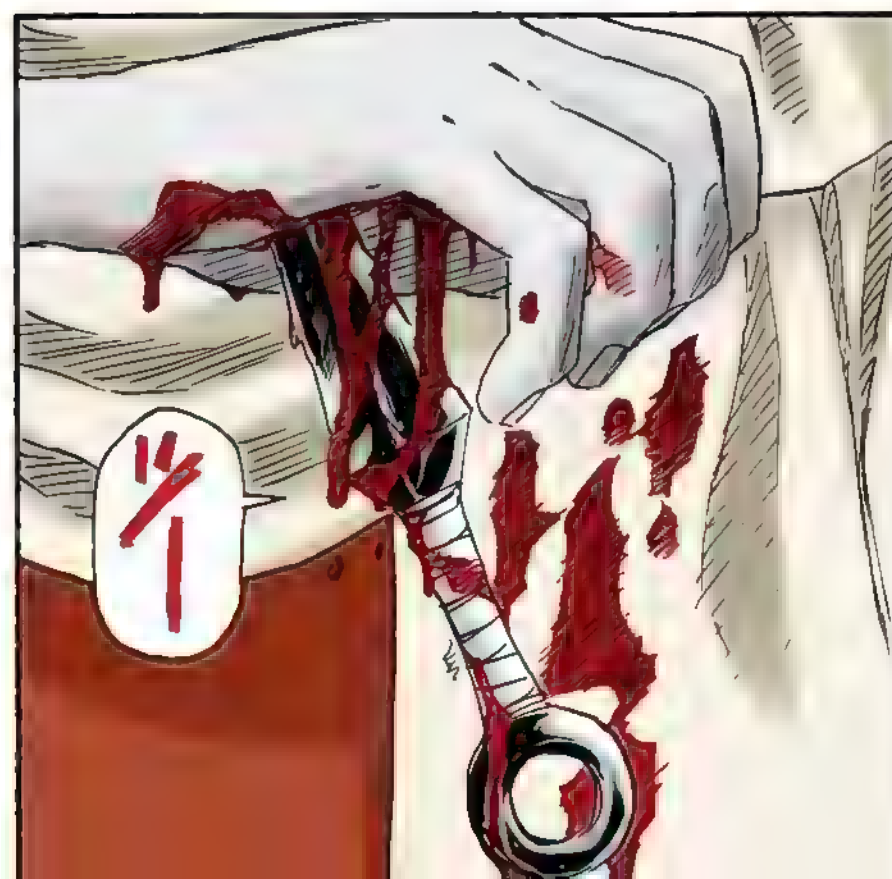
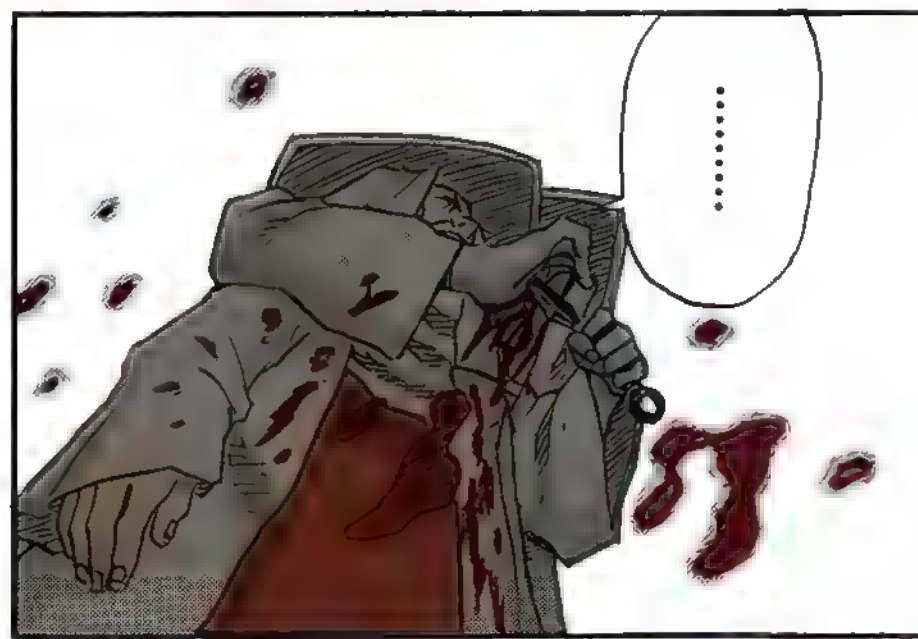
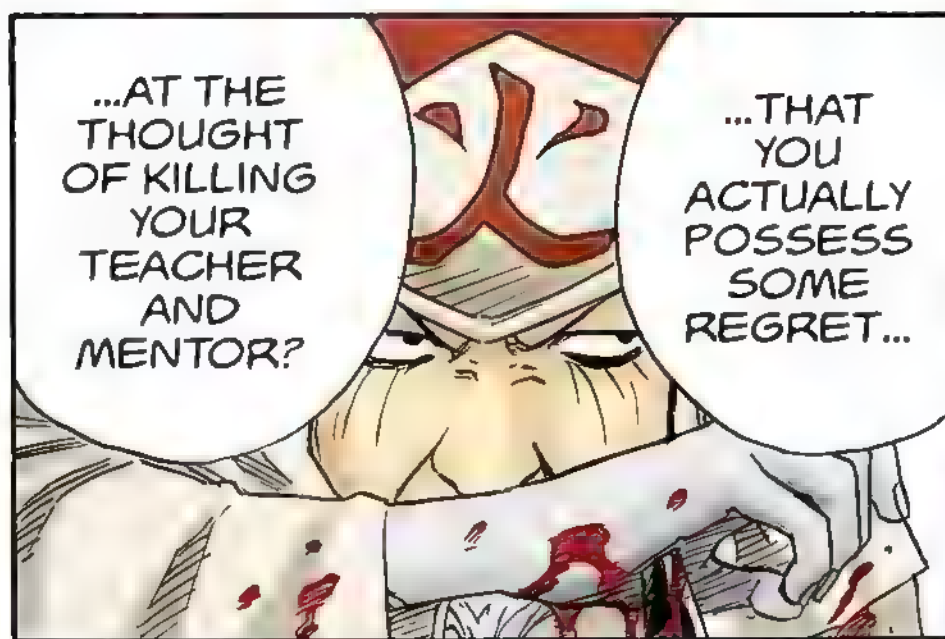


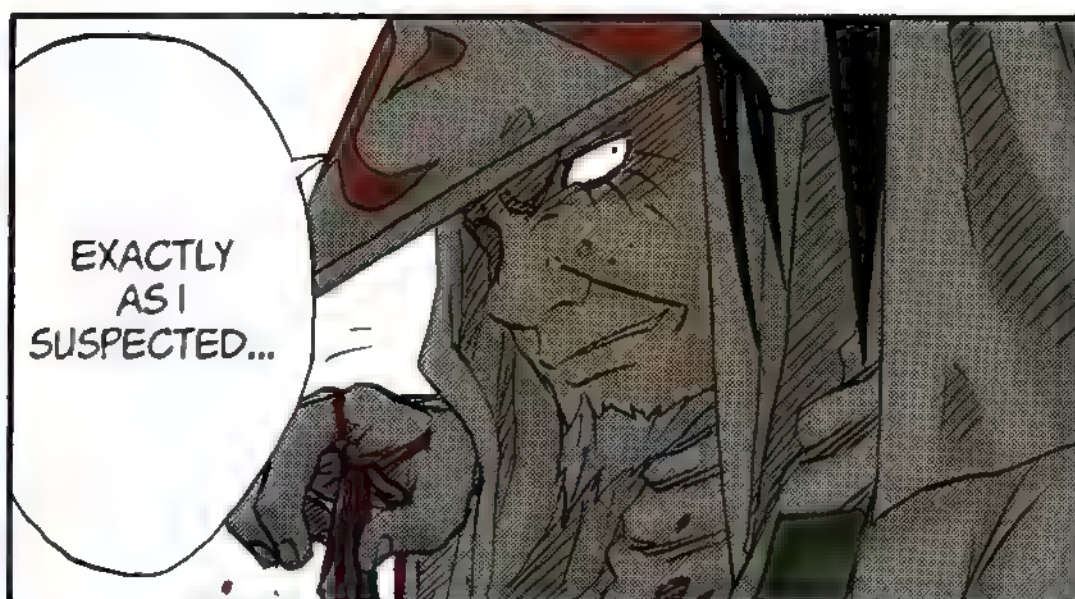
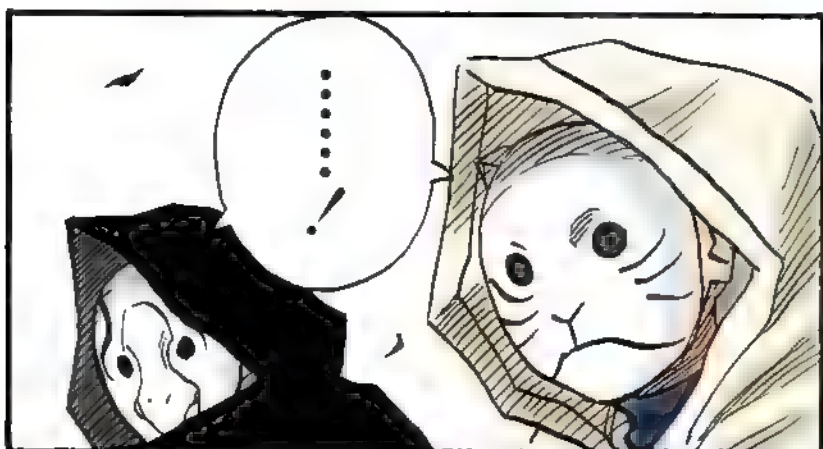


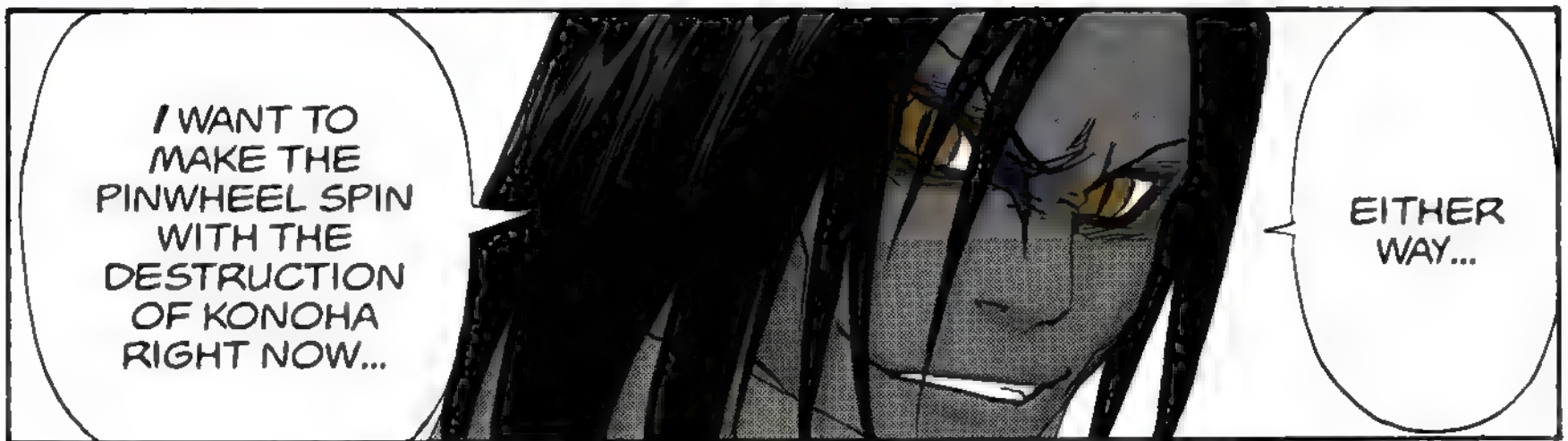
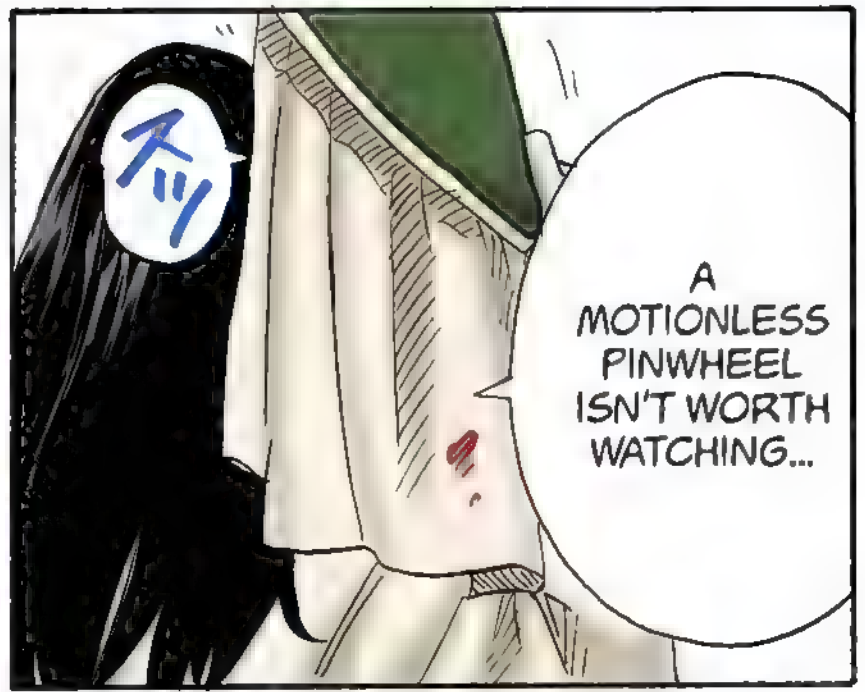


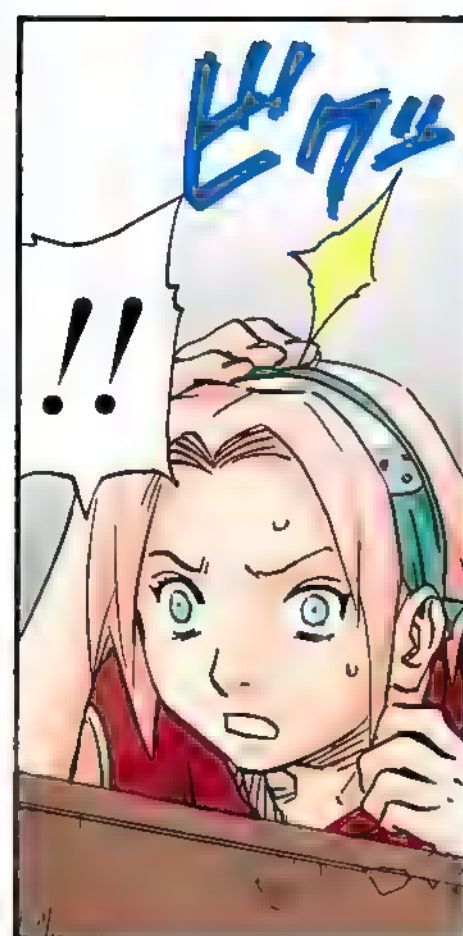
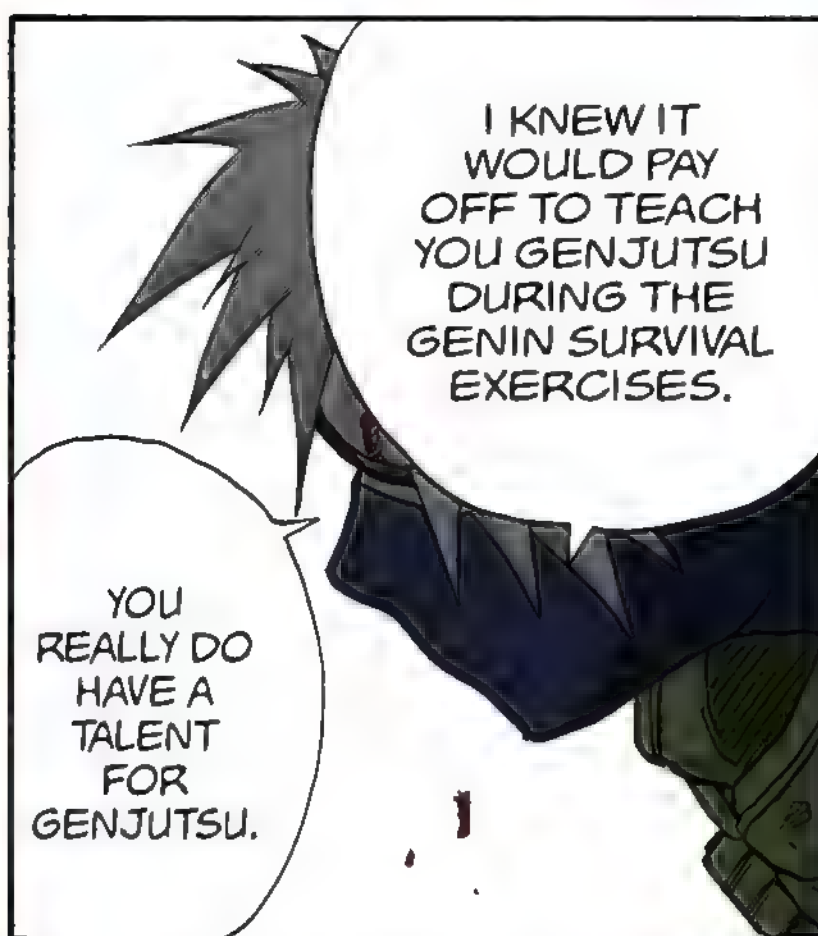
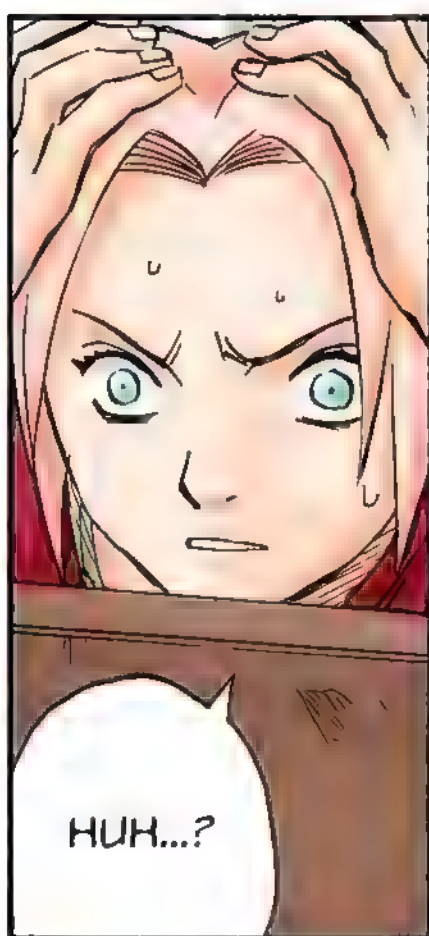


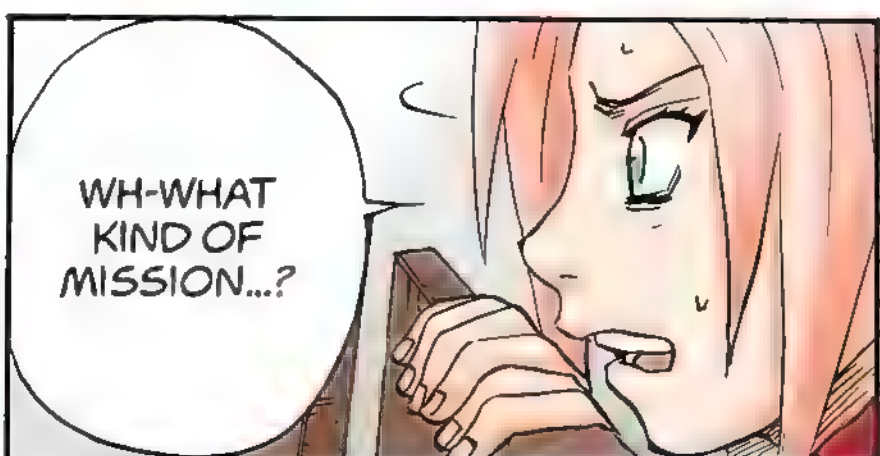
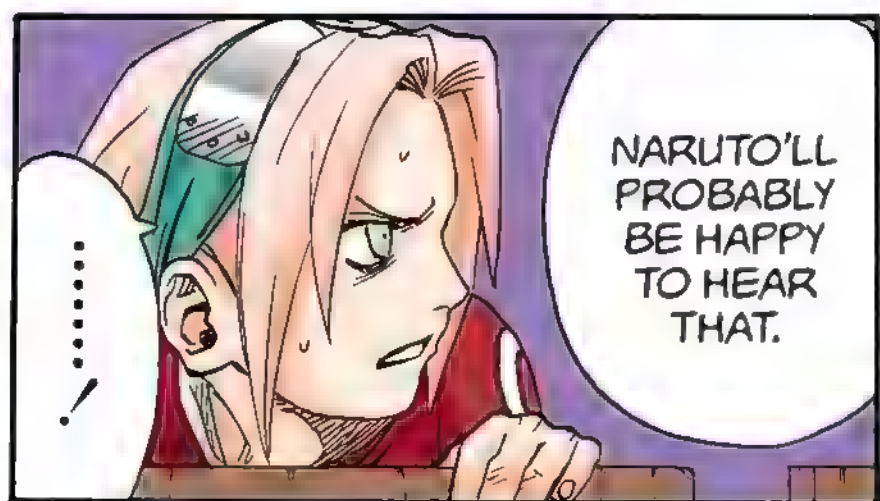
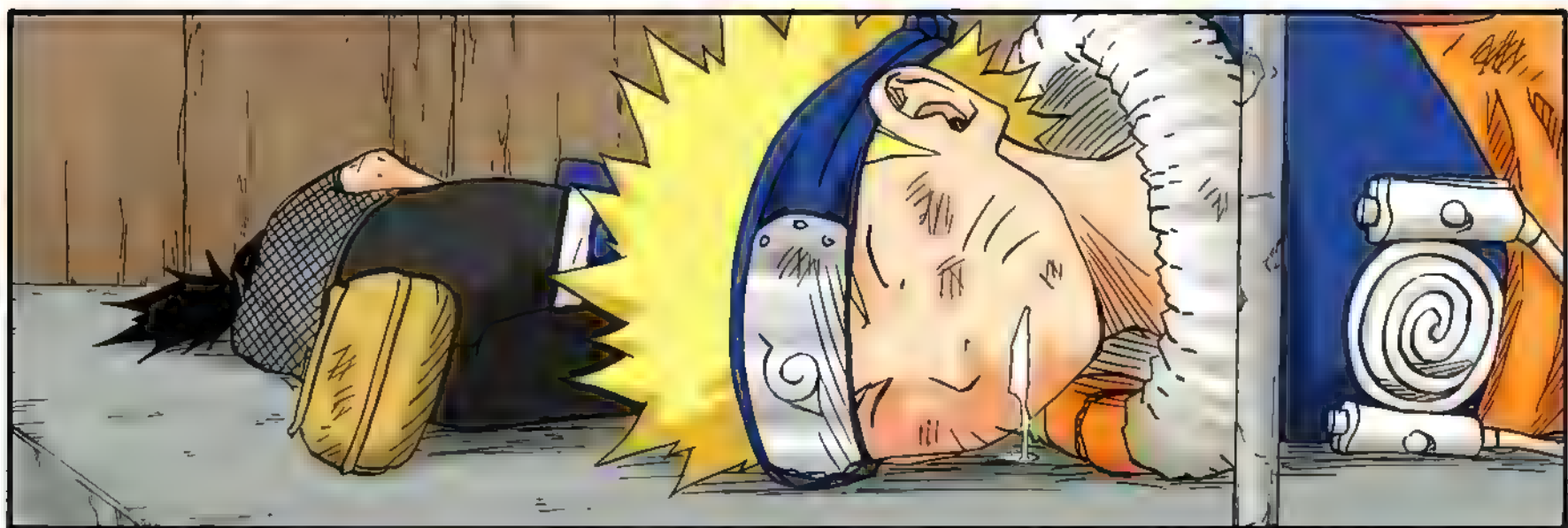


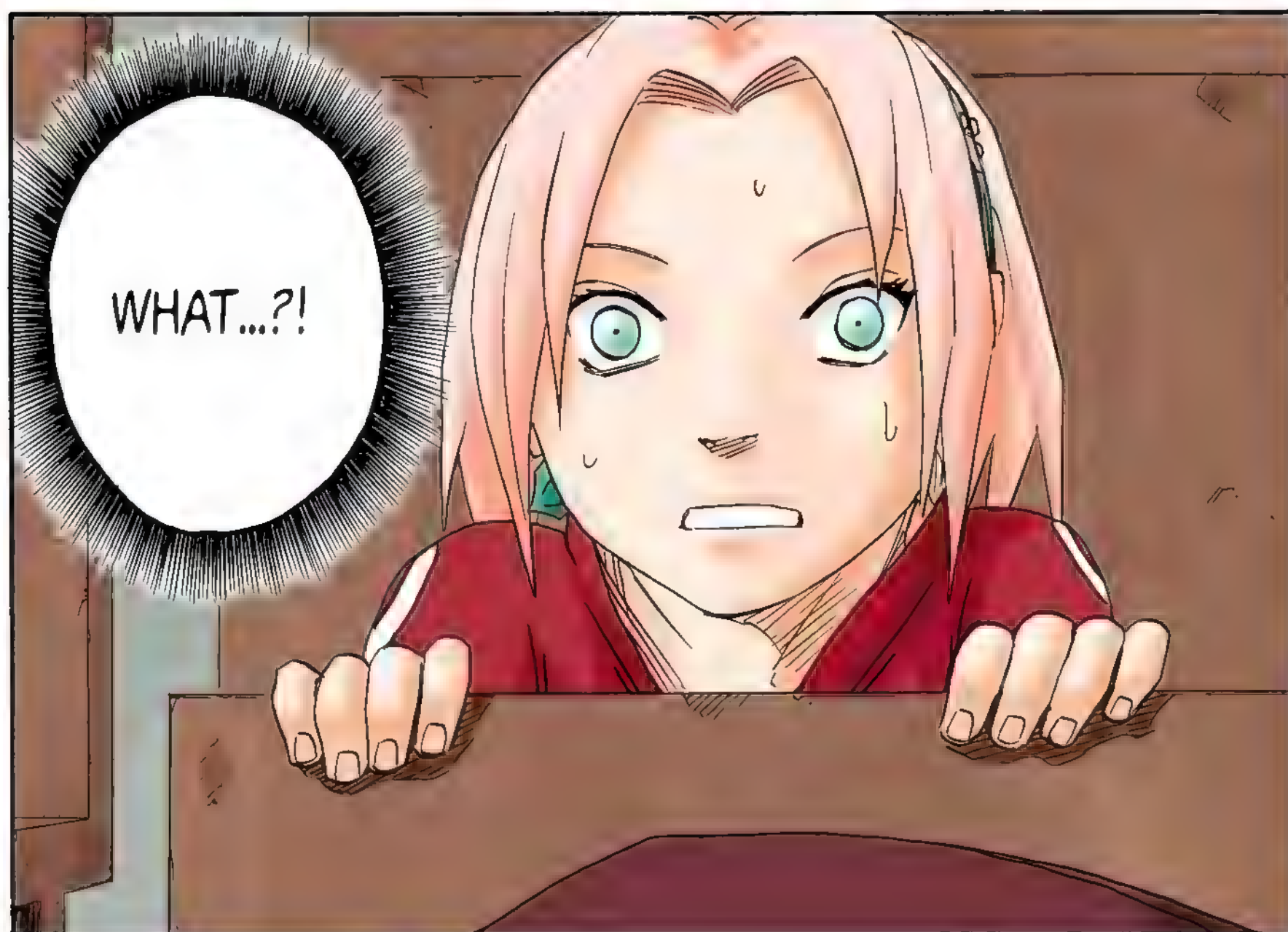












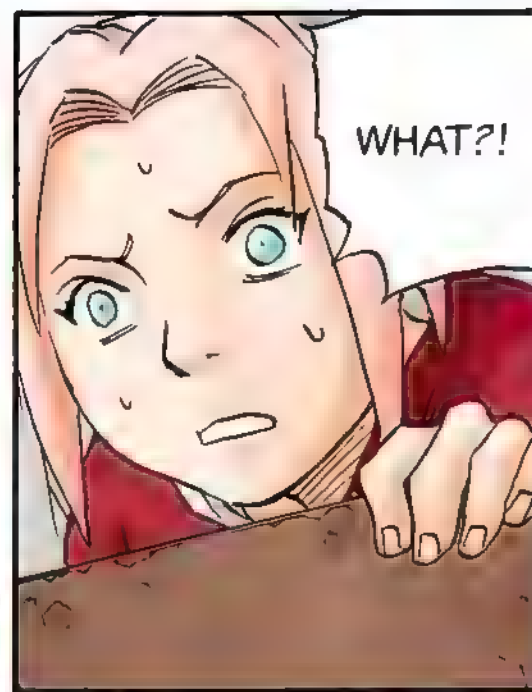
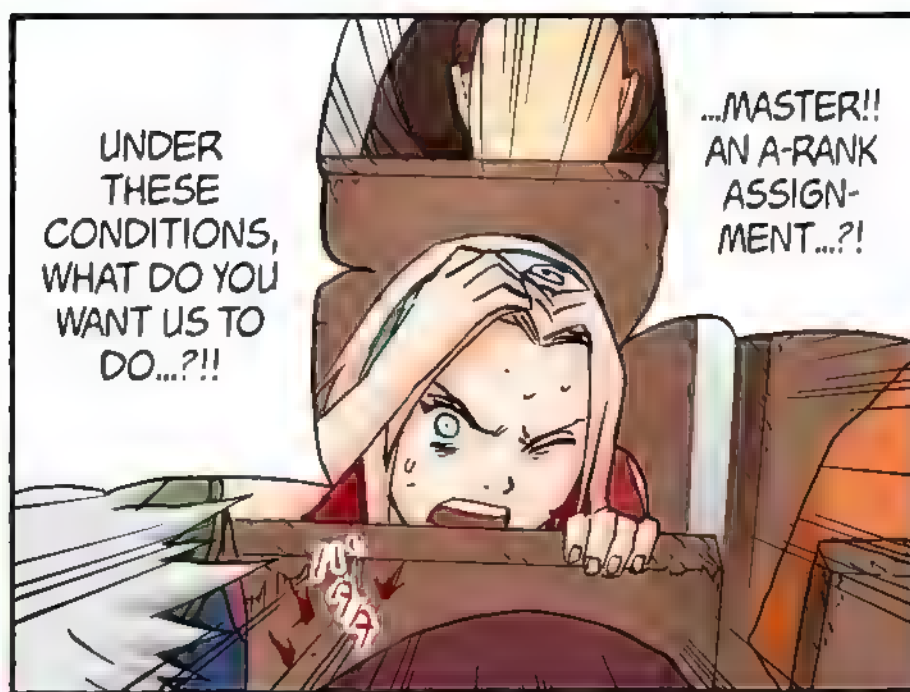
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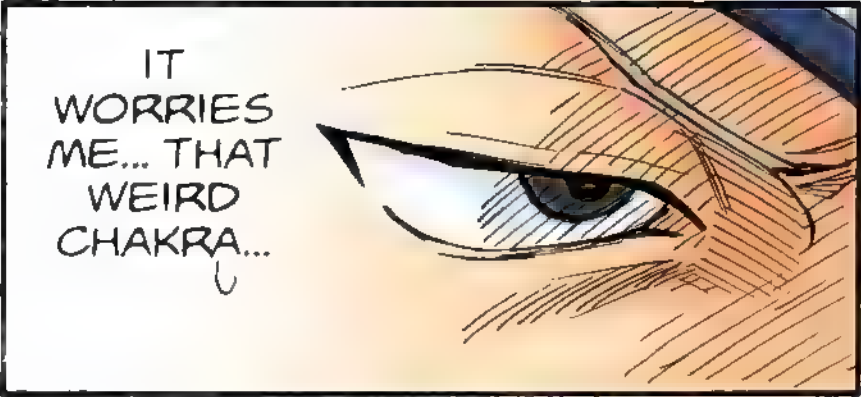


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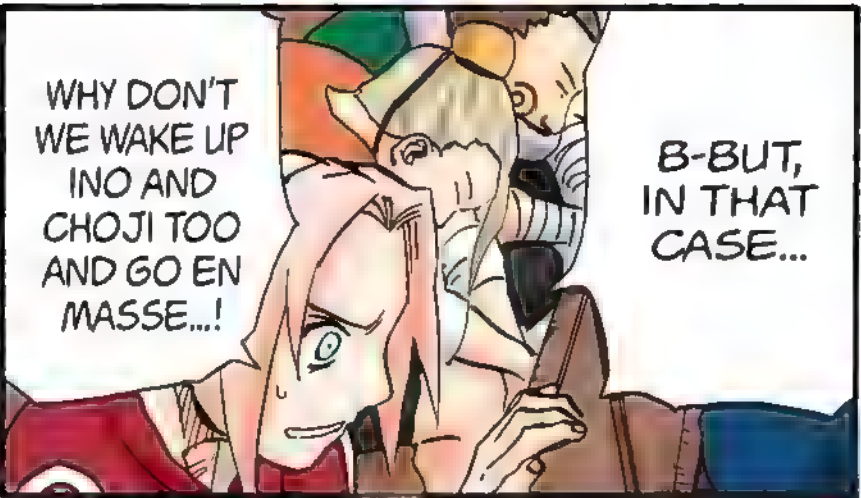


THE IMPARTED
MISSION!!





IT
WORRIES
ME... THAT
WEIRD
CHAKRA...



WHY DON'T
WE WAKE UP
INO AND
CHOJI TOO
AND GO EN
MASSE...!

B-BUT,
IN THAT
CASE...



MOVEMENT BY
MORE THAN A BASIC
TROOP UNIT OF FOUR
WILL DESTROY ANY
ADVANTAGE OF
SWIFTNESS AND
MAKES IT HARDER TO
HIDE FROM THE
ENEMY...

I SUSPECT
THERE IS
ALREADY A
LARGE NUMBER
OF SAND AND
SOUND NINJA
INSIDE OUR
VILLAGE.

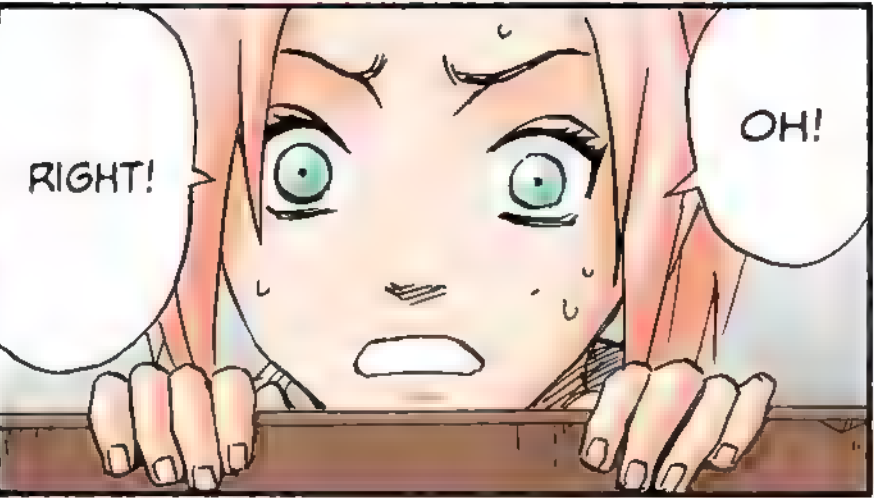
THEY TAUGHT
THAT DURING
THE PATROL
DRILLS AT THE
ACADEMY,
DIDN'T THEY?



BUT YOU
JUST SAID
FOUR...

WHO'S
THE
FOURTH...?!

HUH...?!

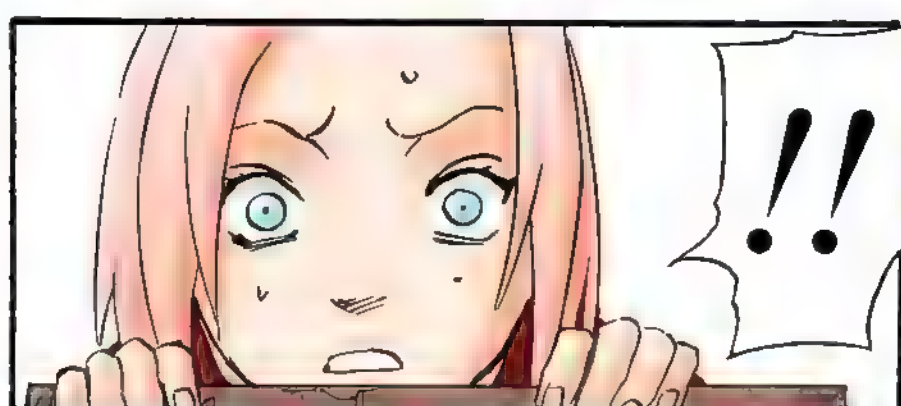


RIGHT!

OH!

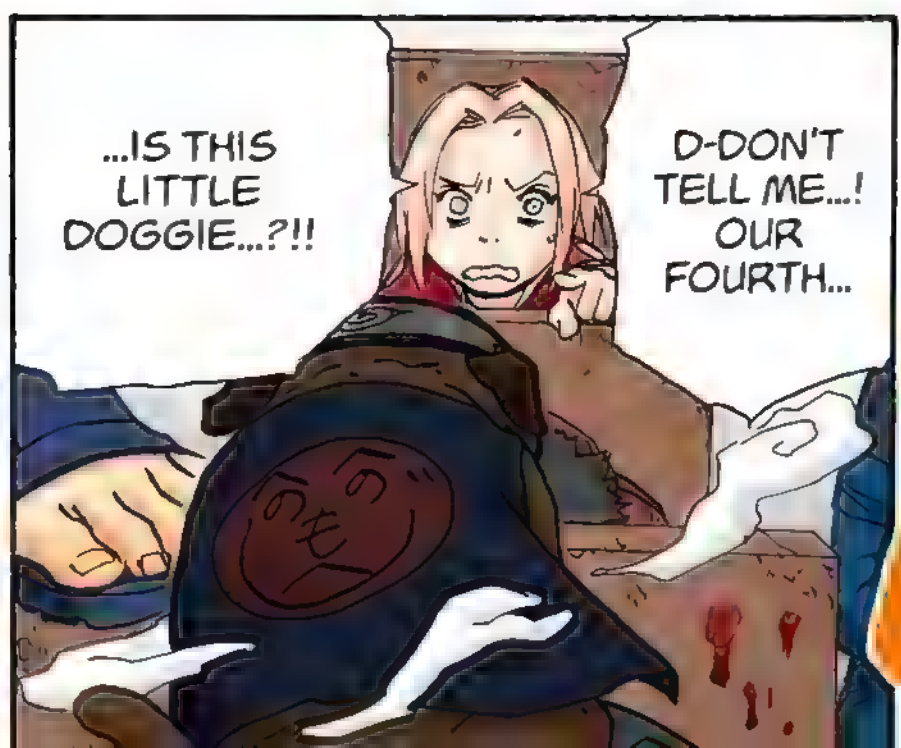


KUCHIYOSE
NO JUTSU!
ART OF
SUMMONING!!!



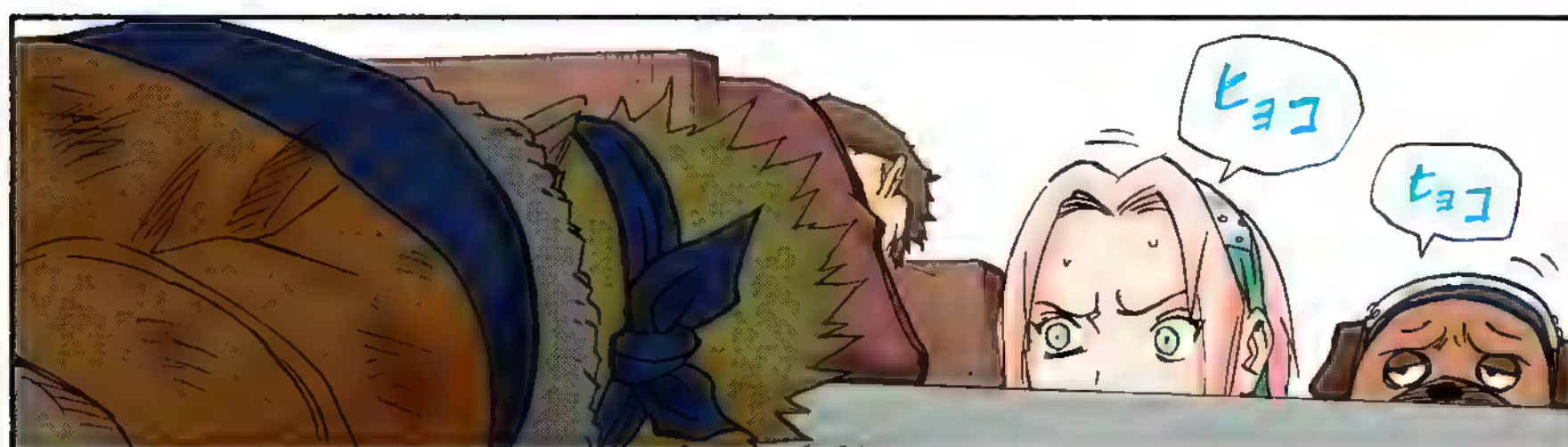
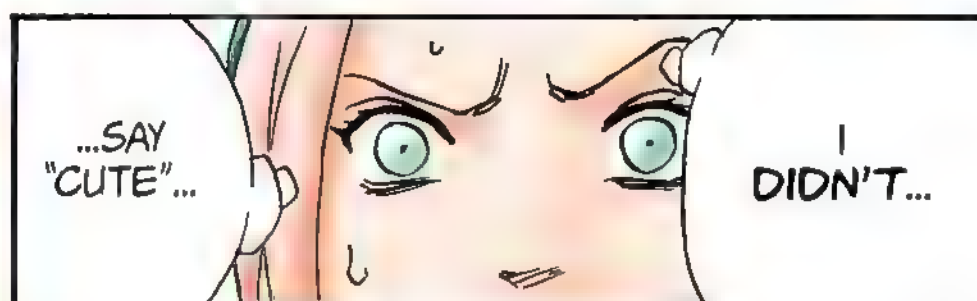
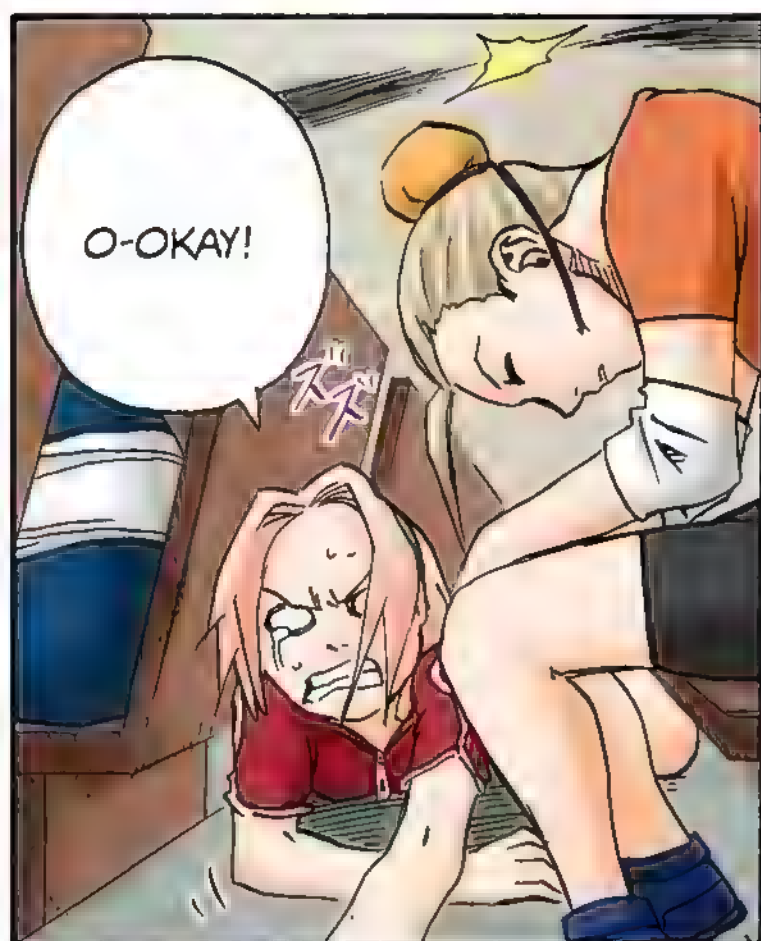
...WILL
TRACK
SASUKE
FOR
YOU...!!

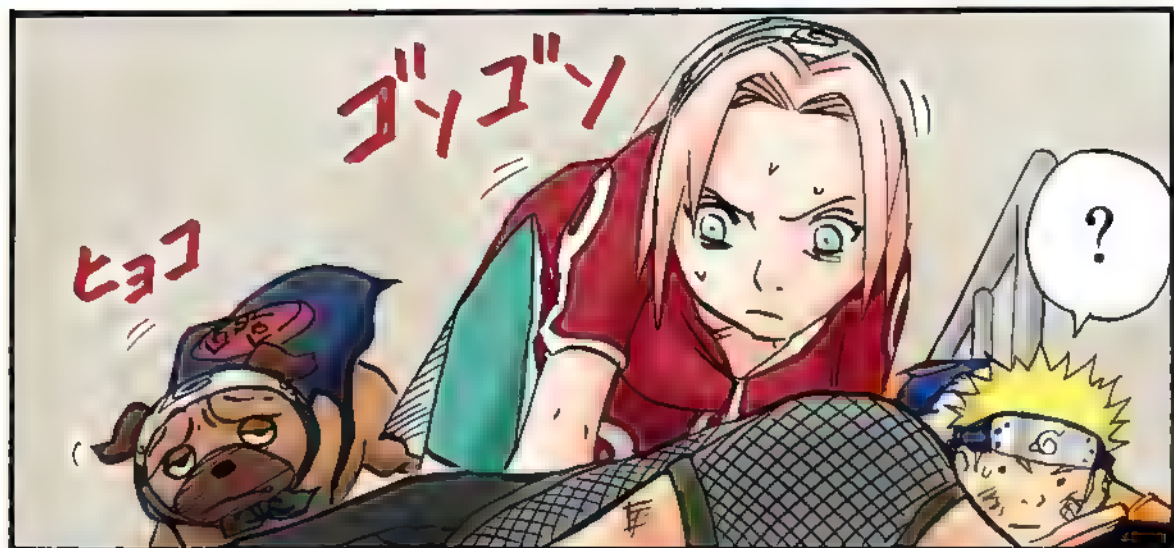
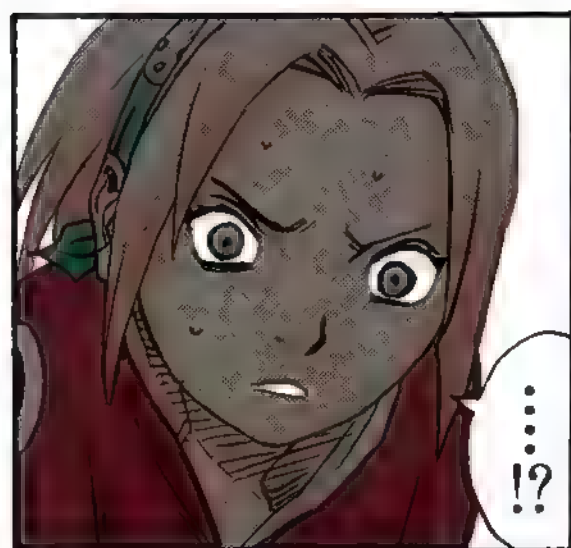
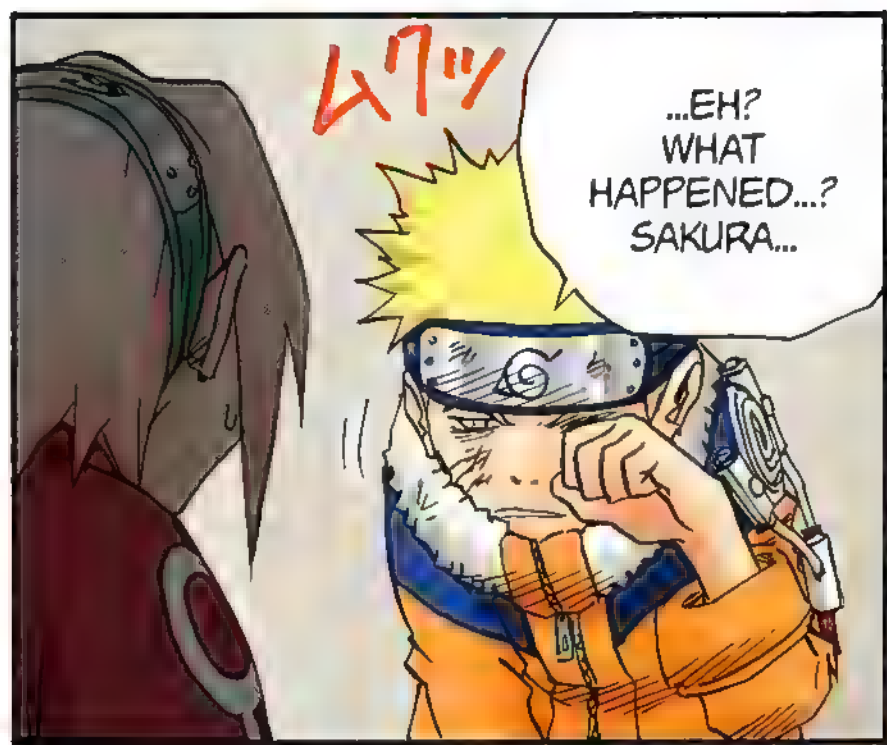
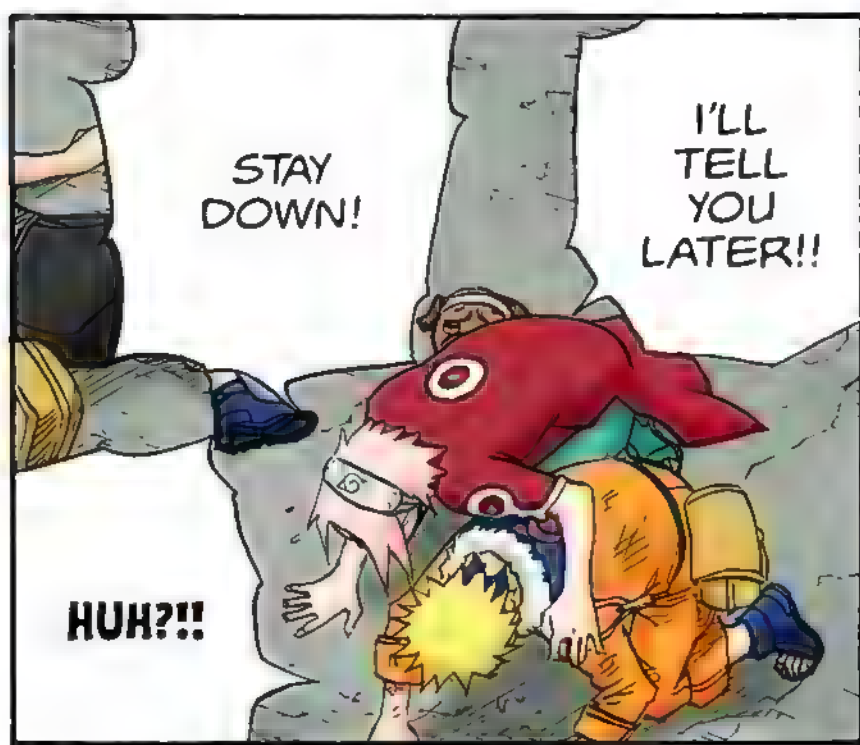
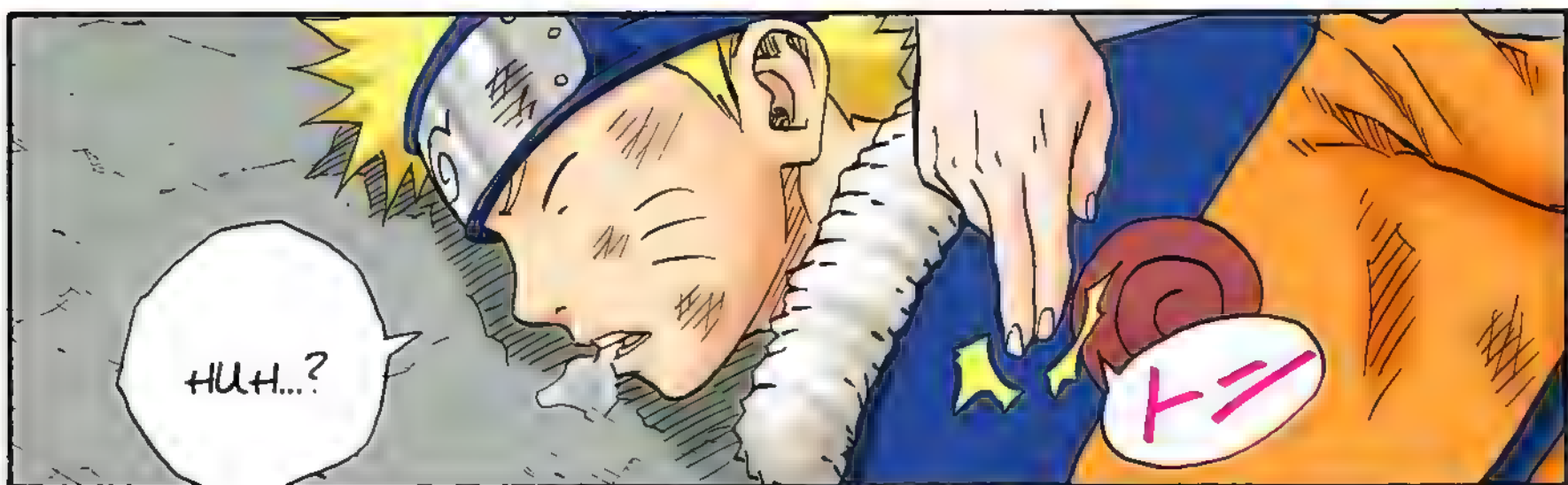
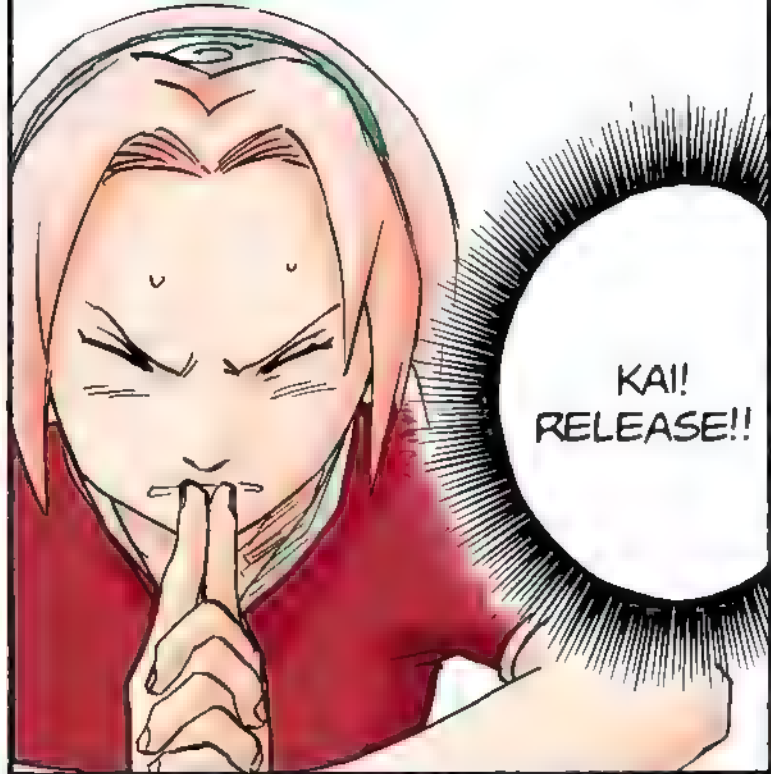
PAKKUN...

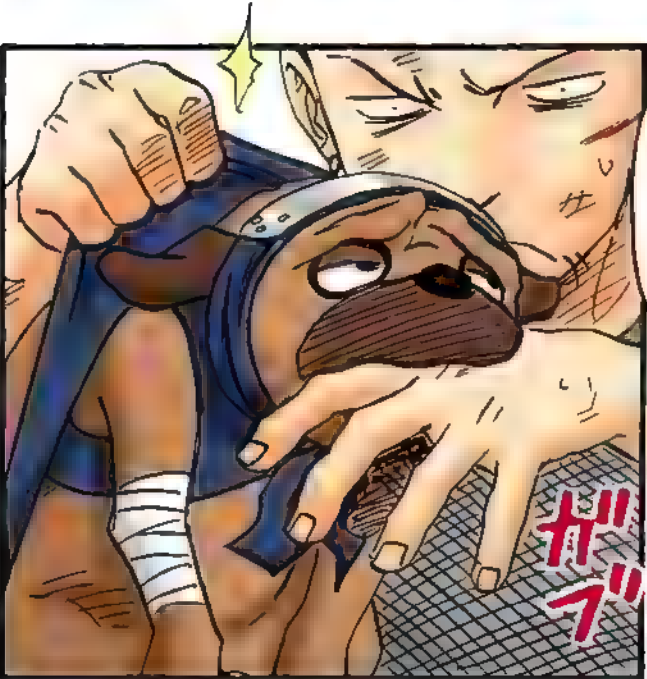
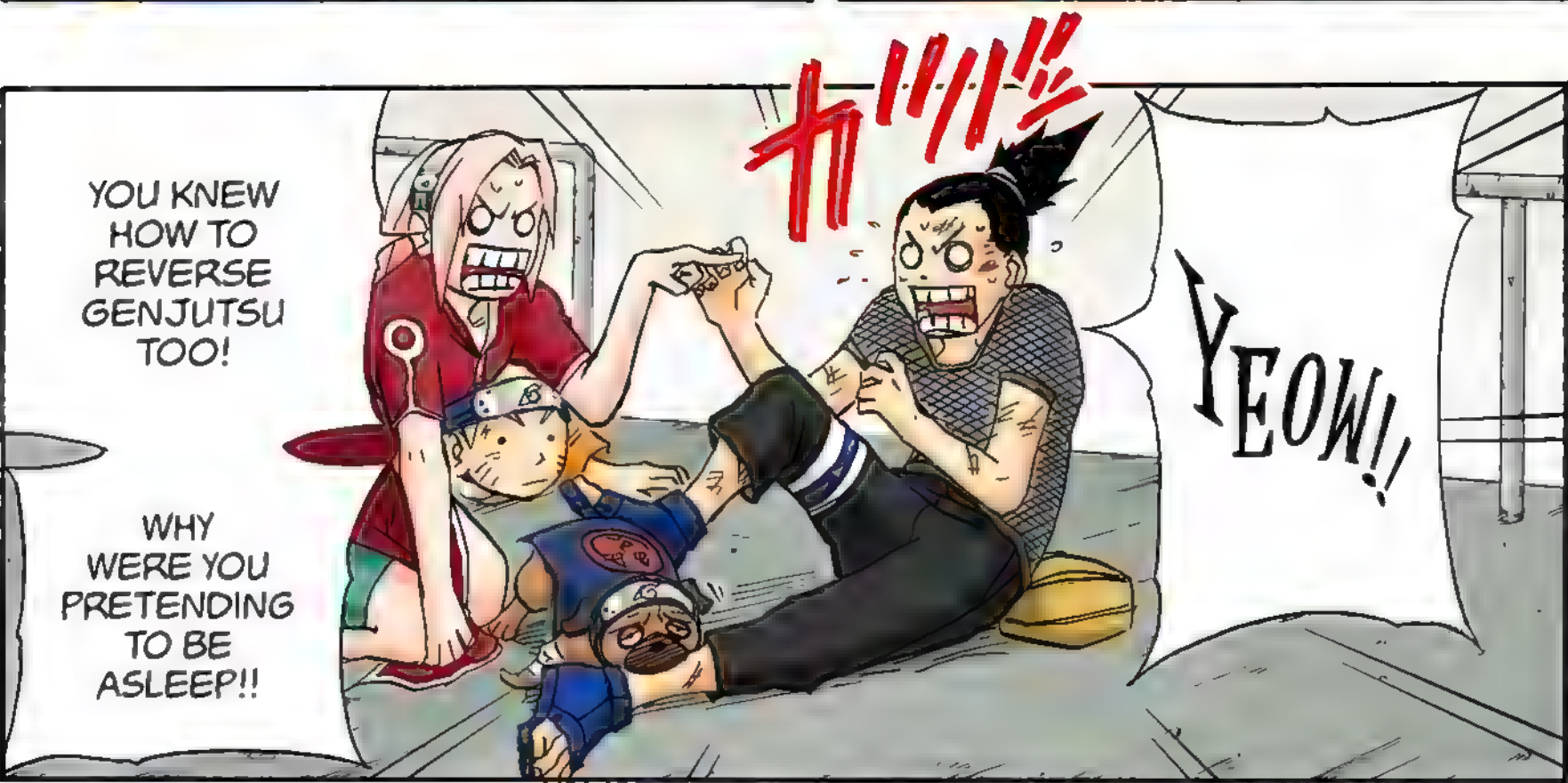
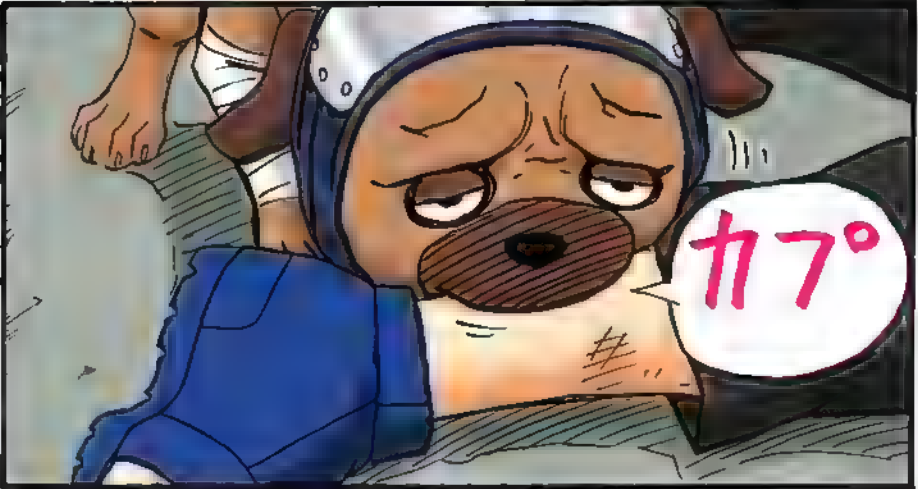
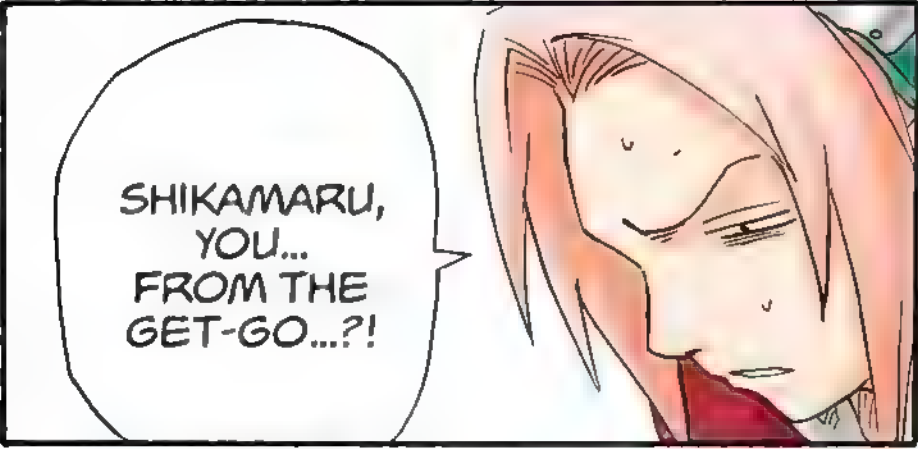


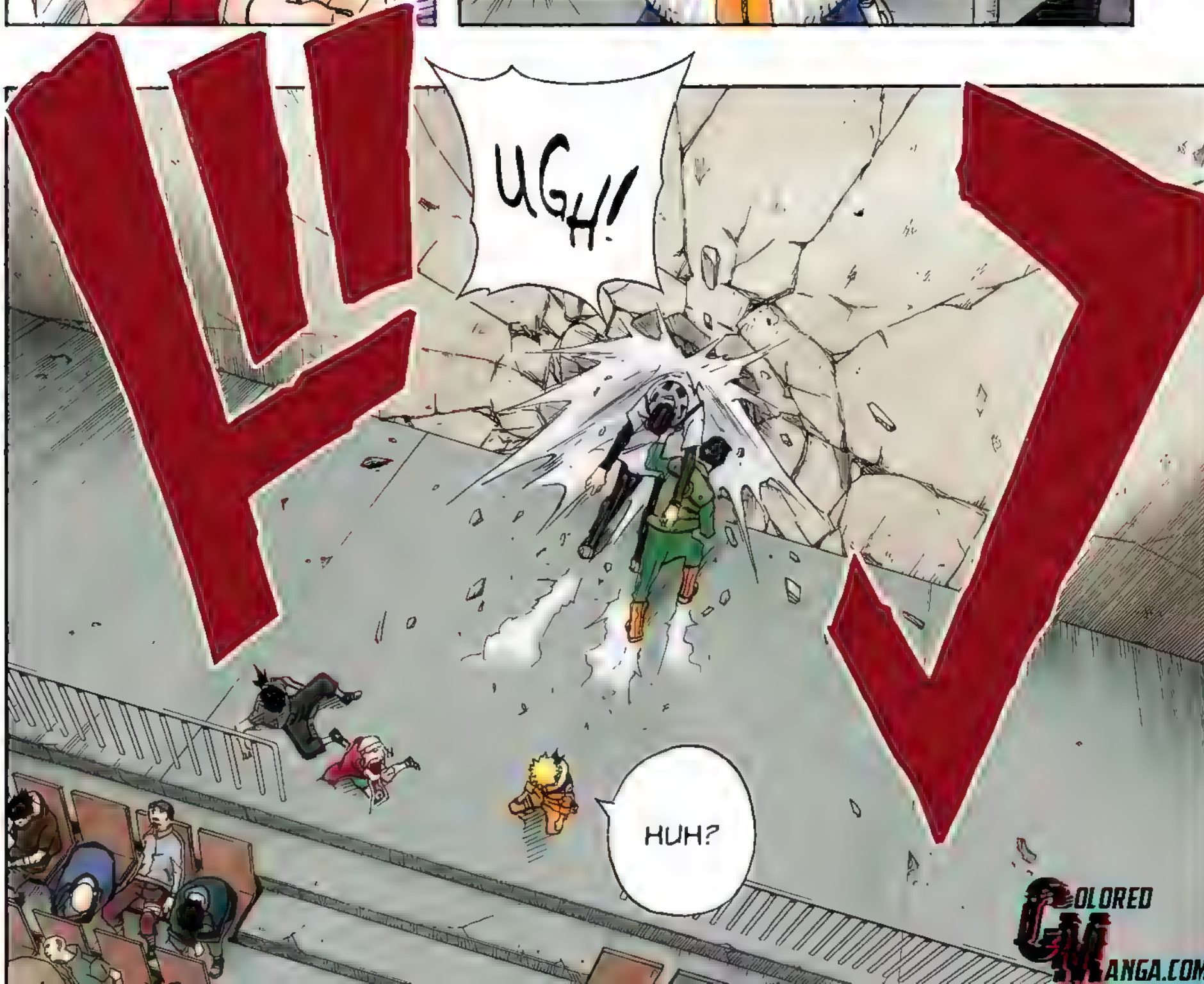
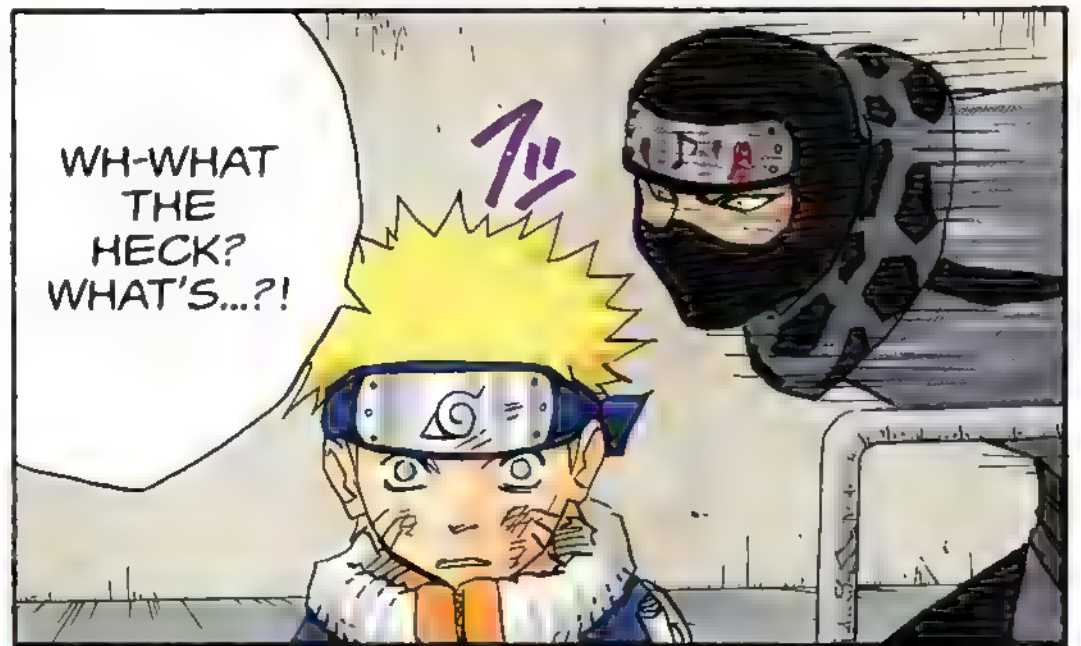
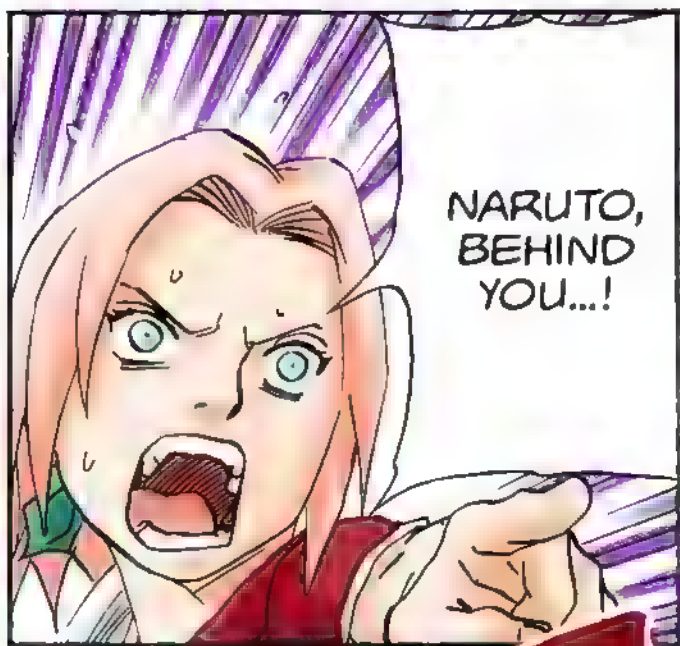
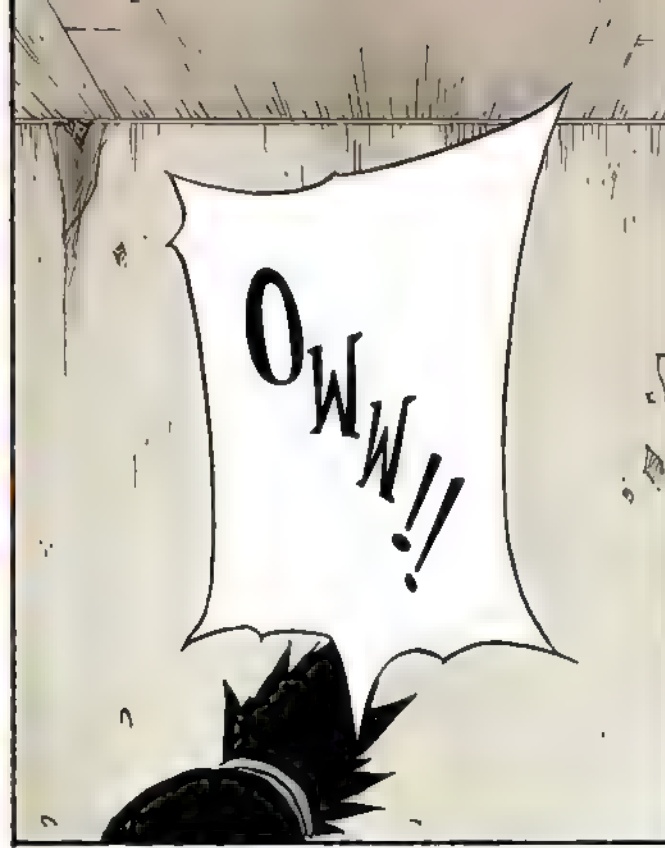
D-DON'T
TELL ME...!
OUR
FOURTH...

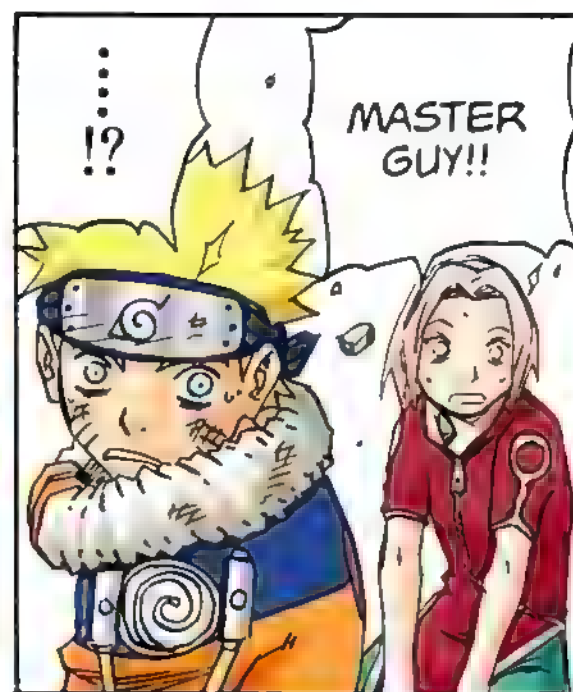
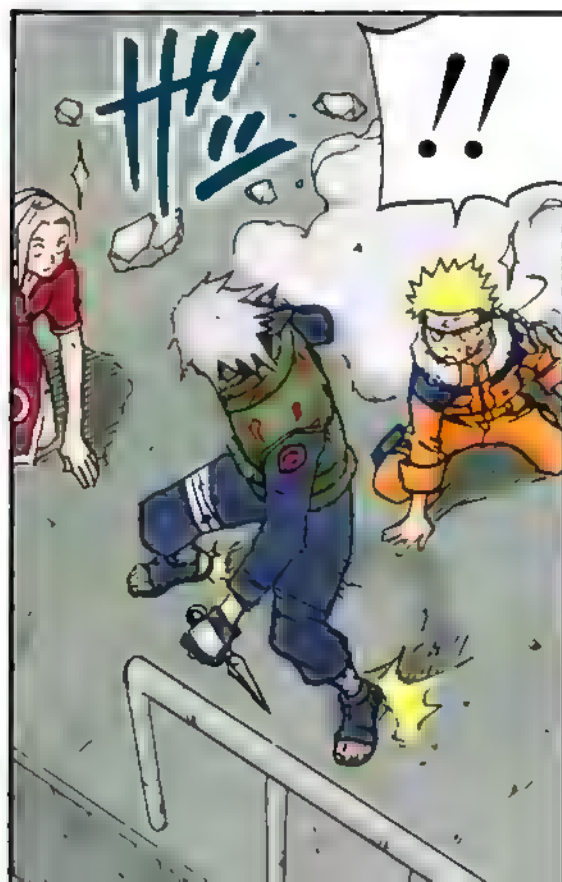
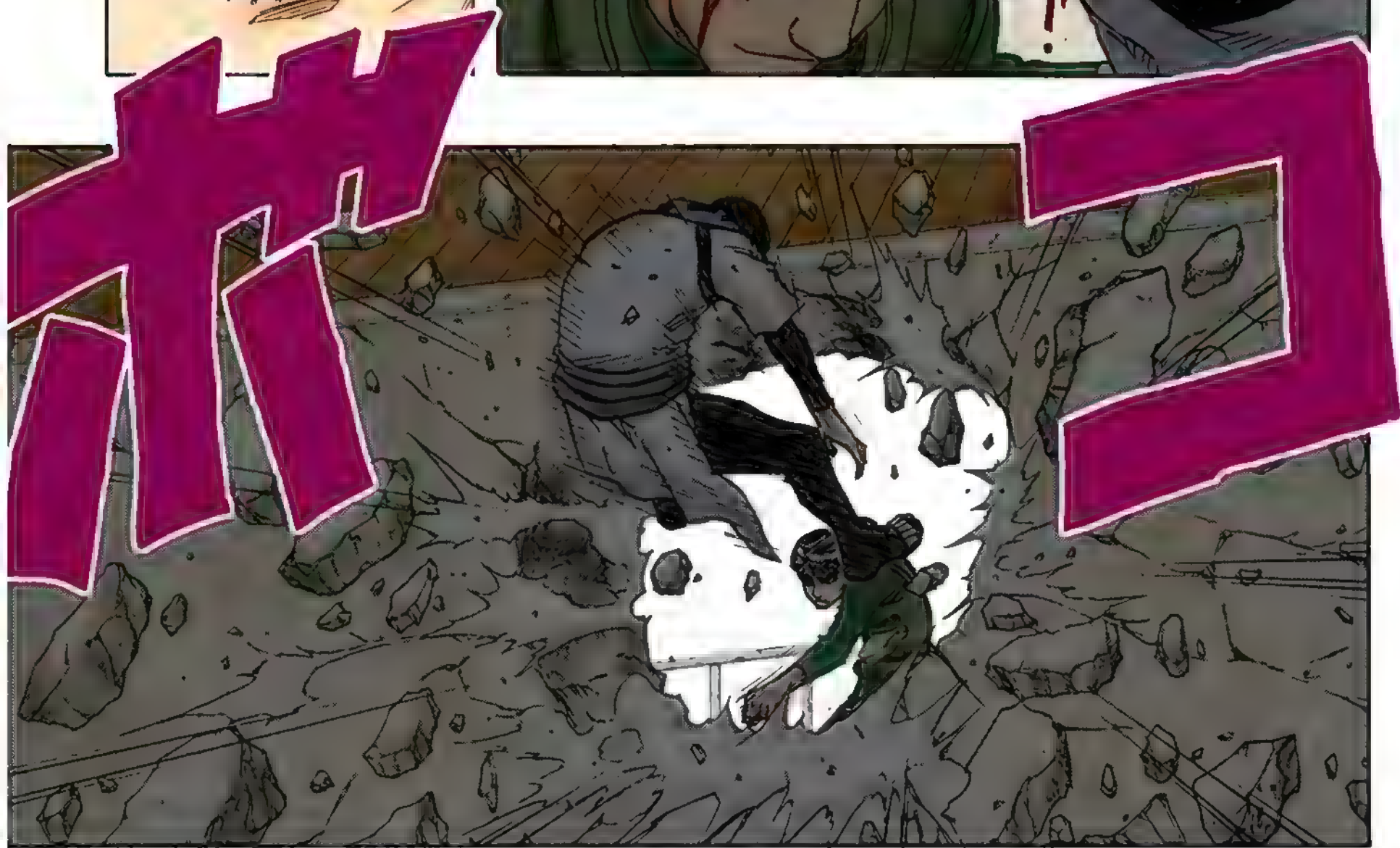


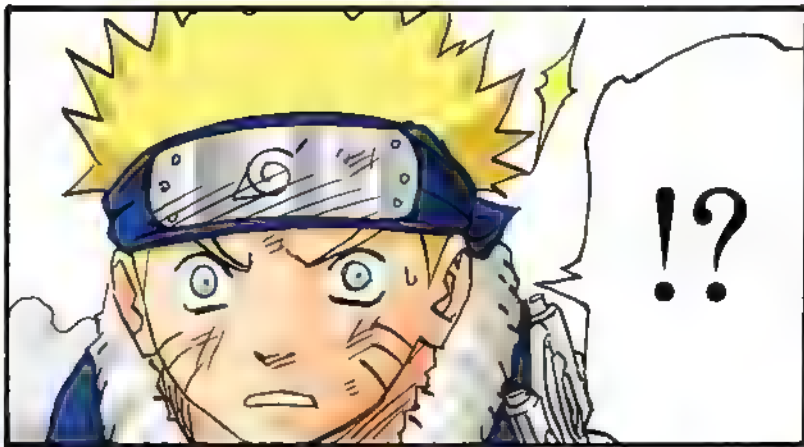


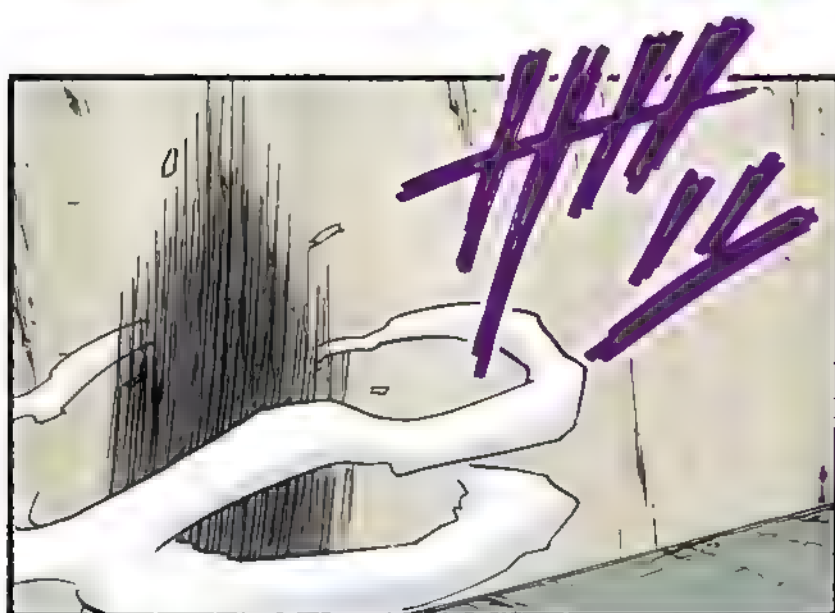












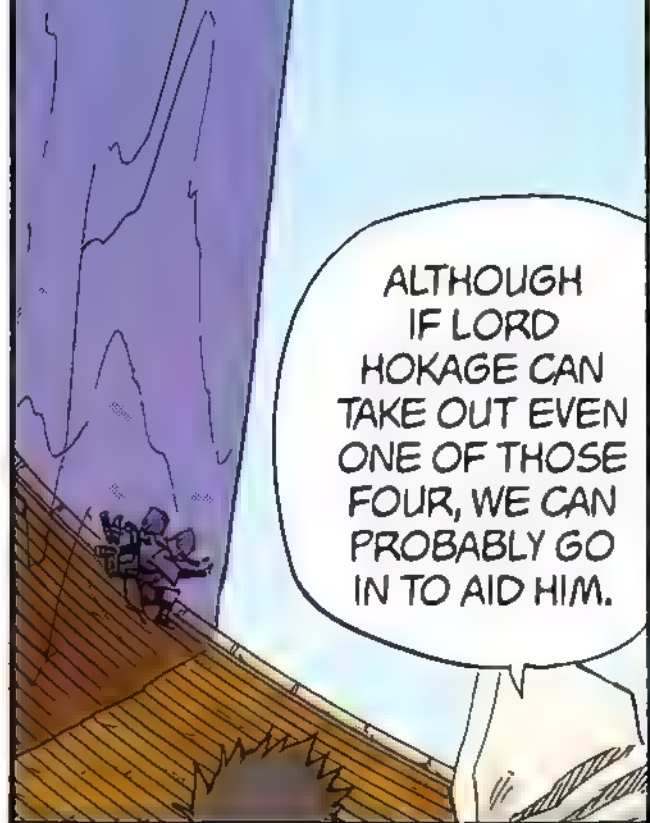


HEH HEH
HEH...
HOW I'VE
WISHED
TO FIGHT
YOU
AGAIN...

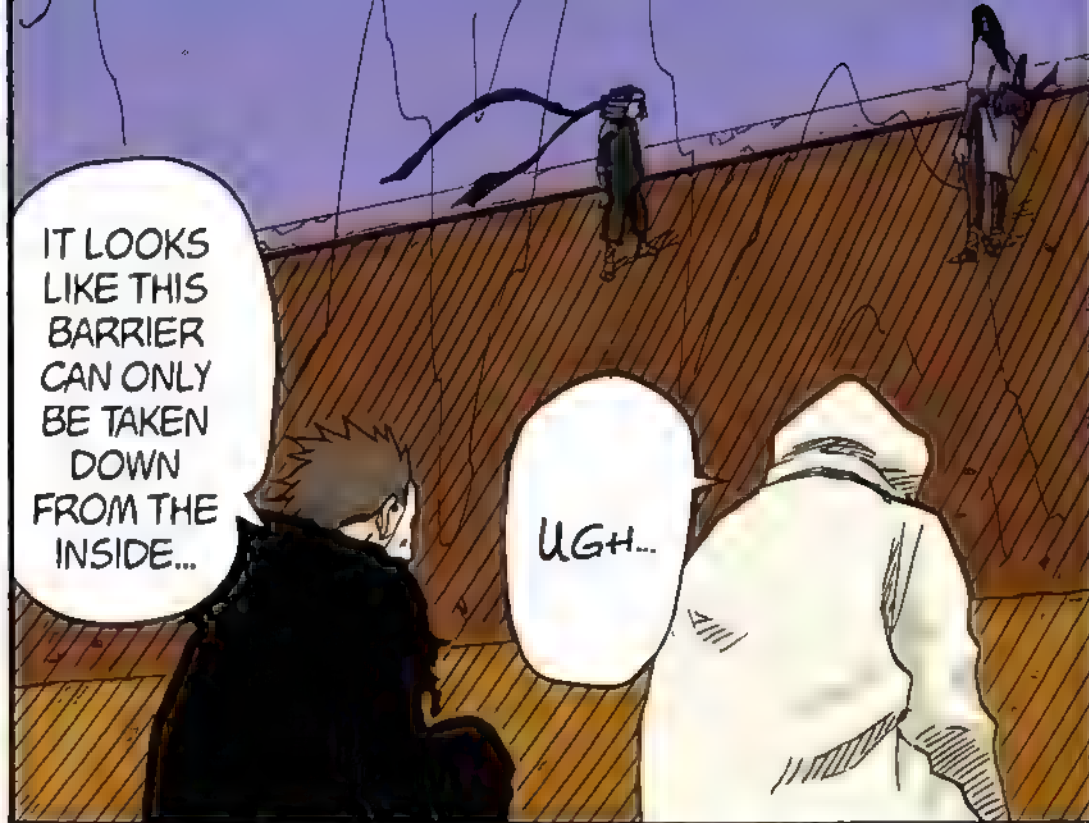


YOU
ANTICIPATED
YOUR OWN
LAST
MOMENTS,
EH...?



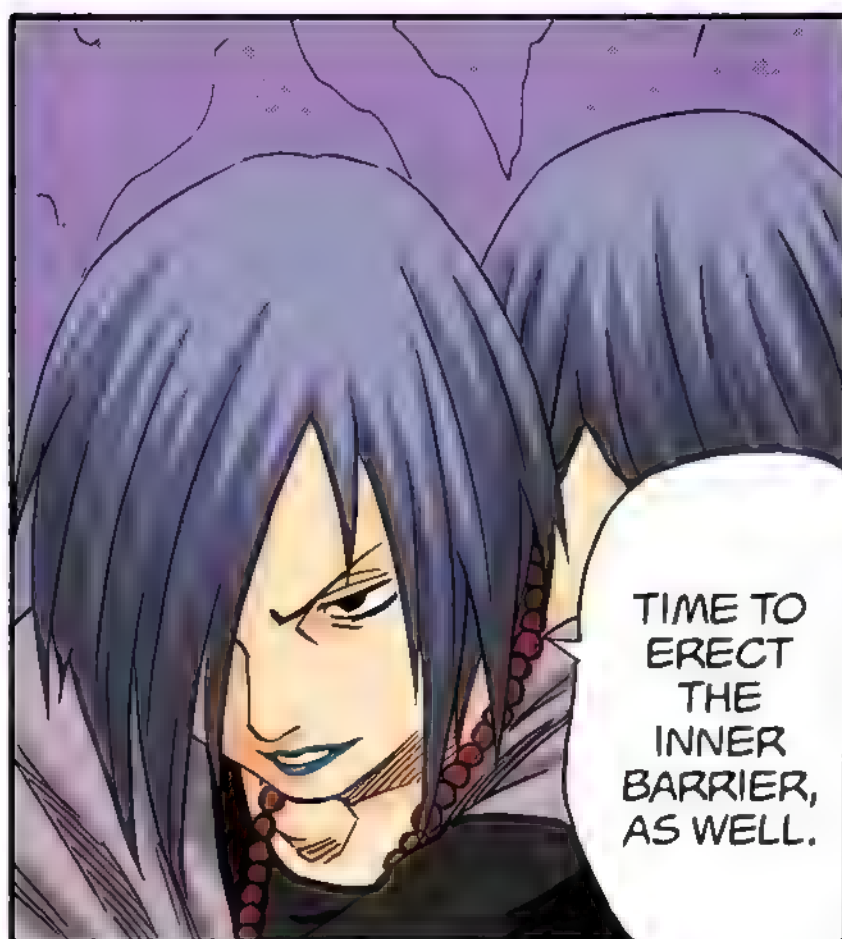


ALTHOUGH
IF LORD
HOKAGE CAN
TAKE OUT EVEN
ONE OF THOSE
FOUR, WE CAN
PROBABLY GO
IN TO AID HIM.



IT LOOKS
LIKE THIS
BARRIER
CAN ONLY
BE TAKEN
DOWN
FROM THE
INSIDE...

UGH...



TIME TO
ERECT
THE
INNER
BARRIER,
AS WELL.



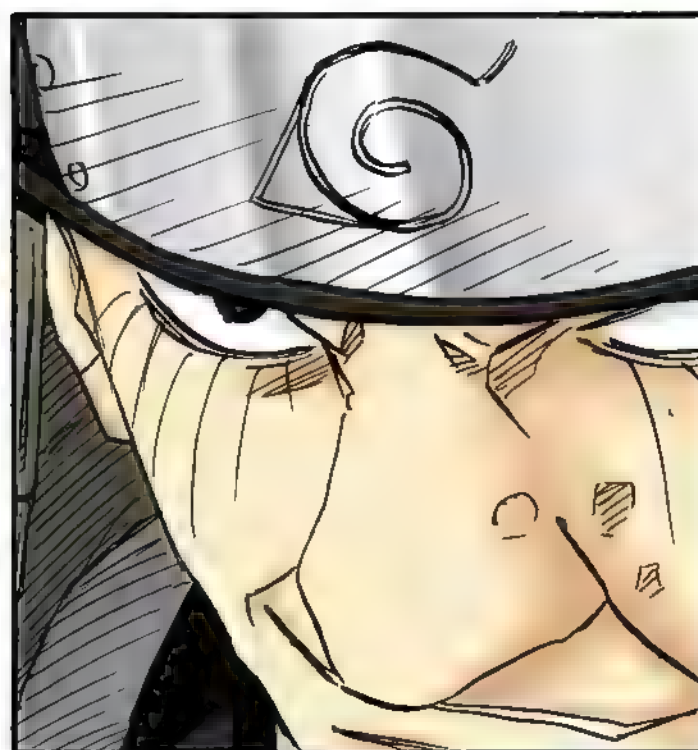
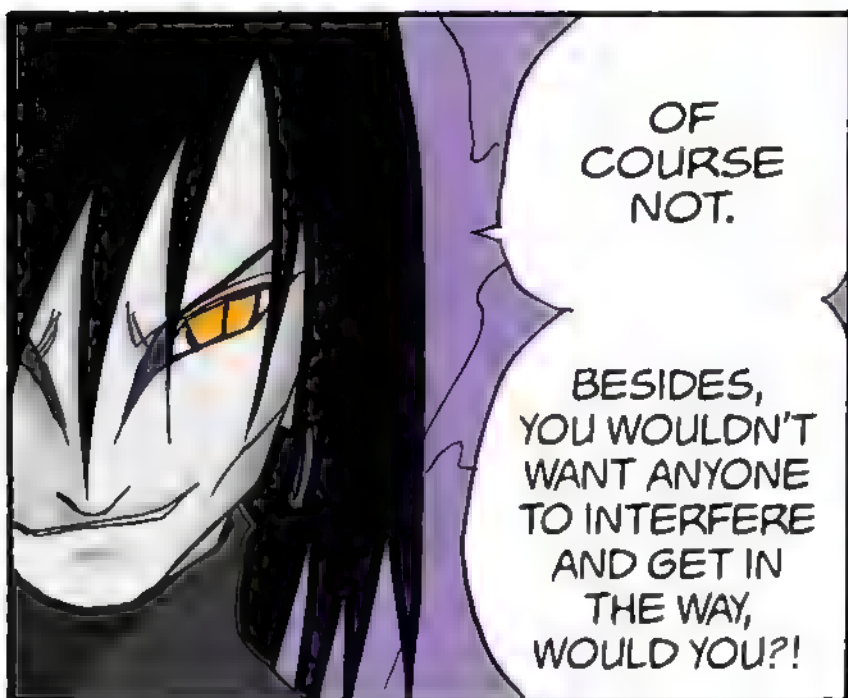
HEY,
THEY'RE
ABOUT
TO
START!

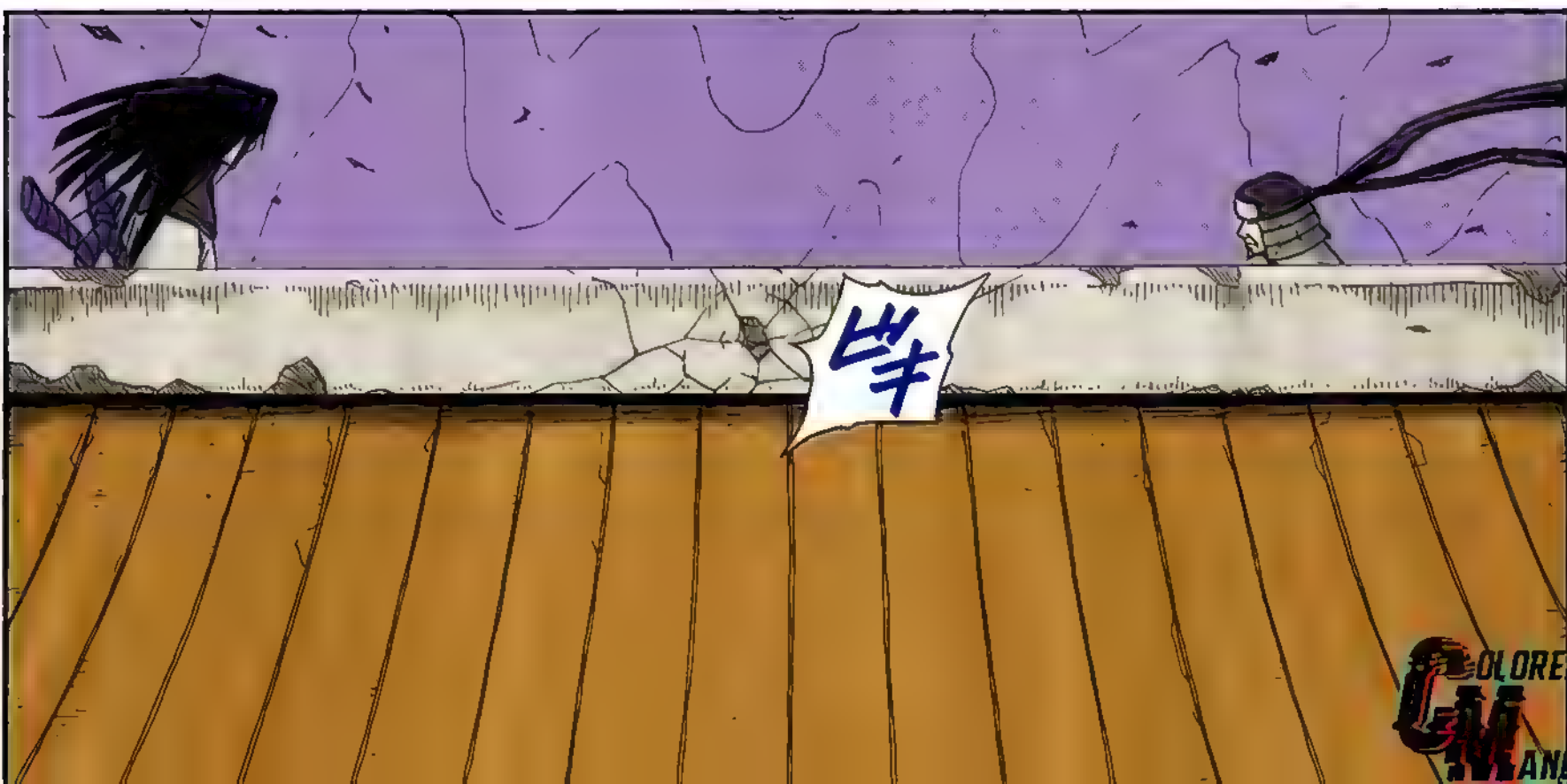
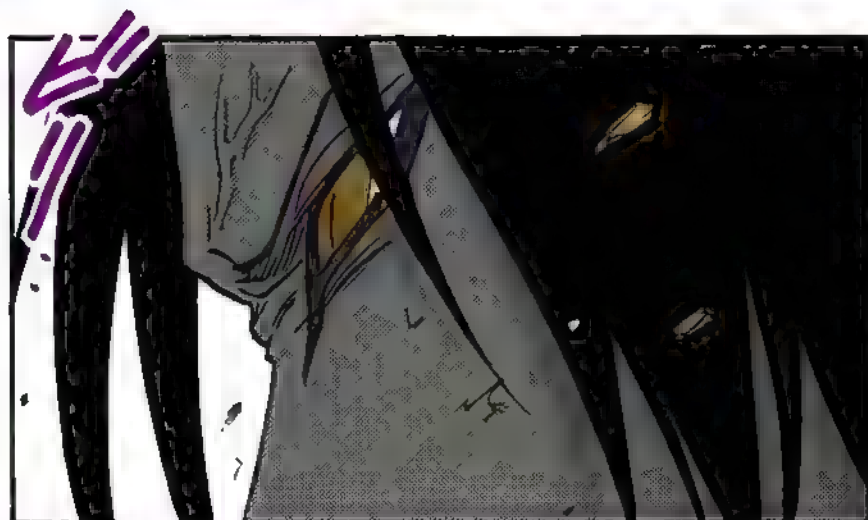
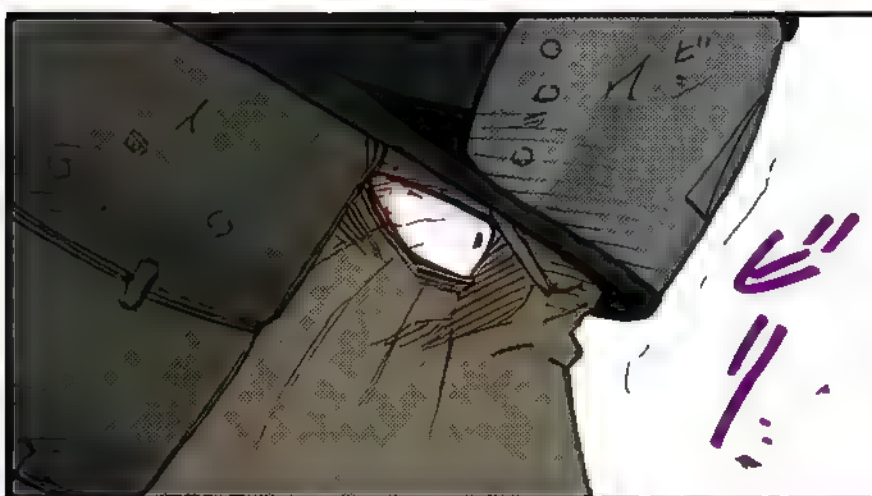
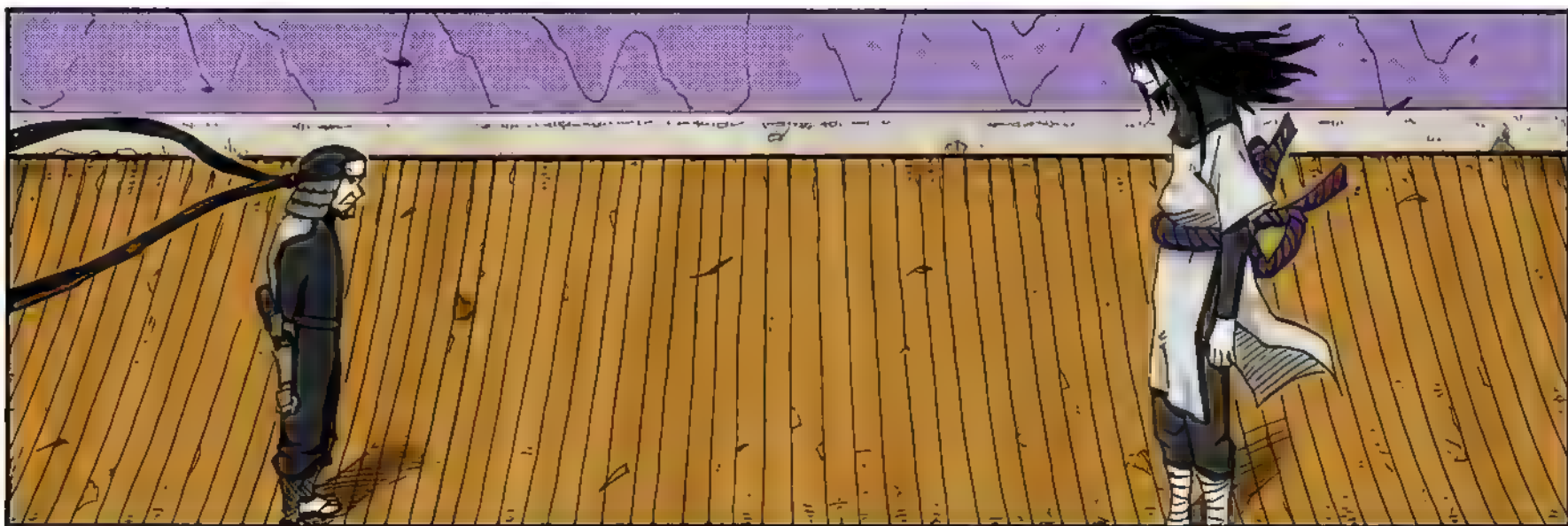


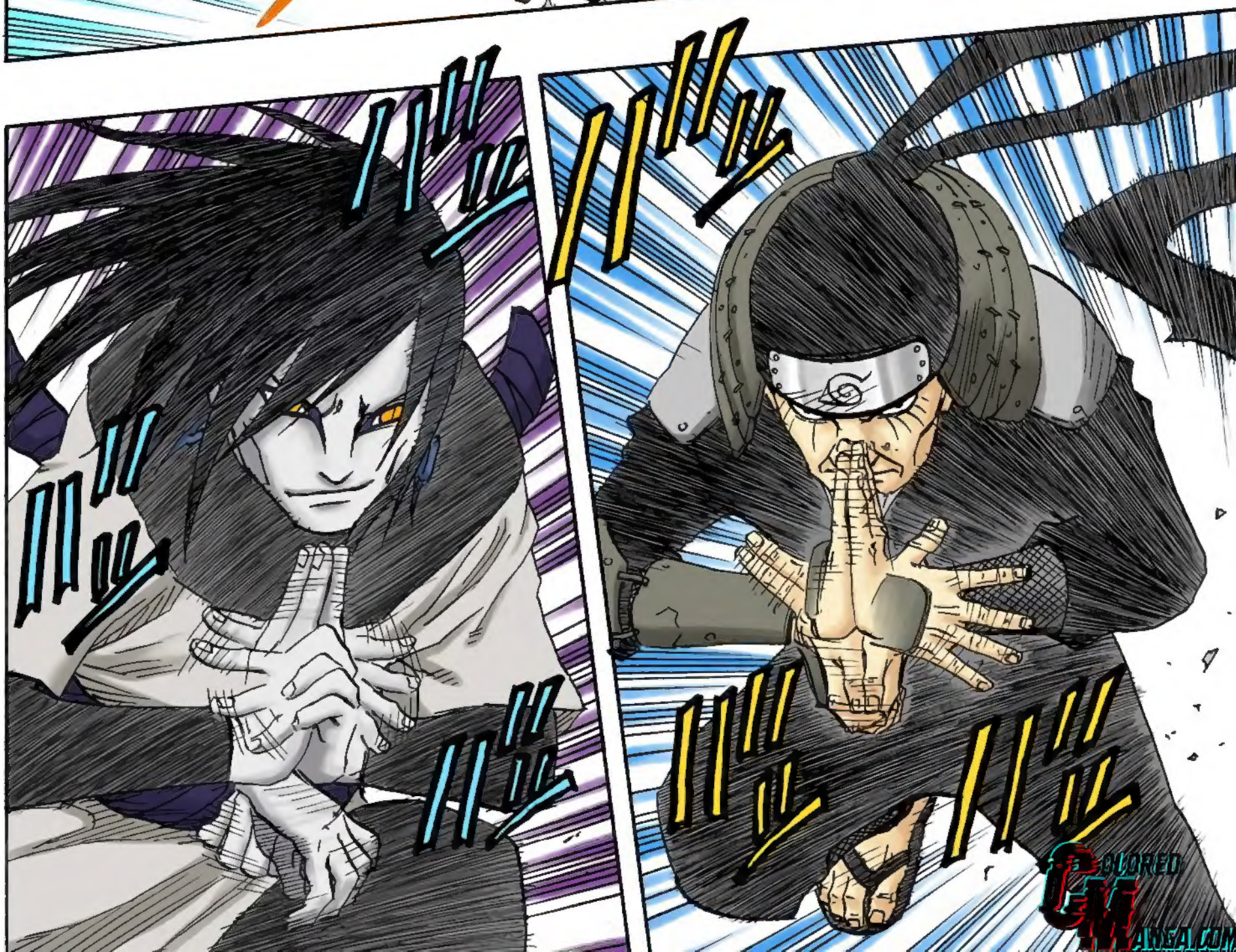
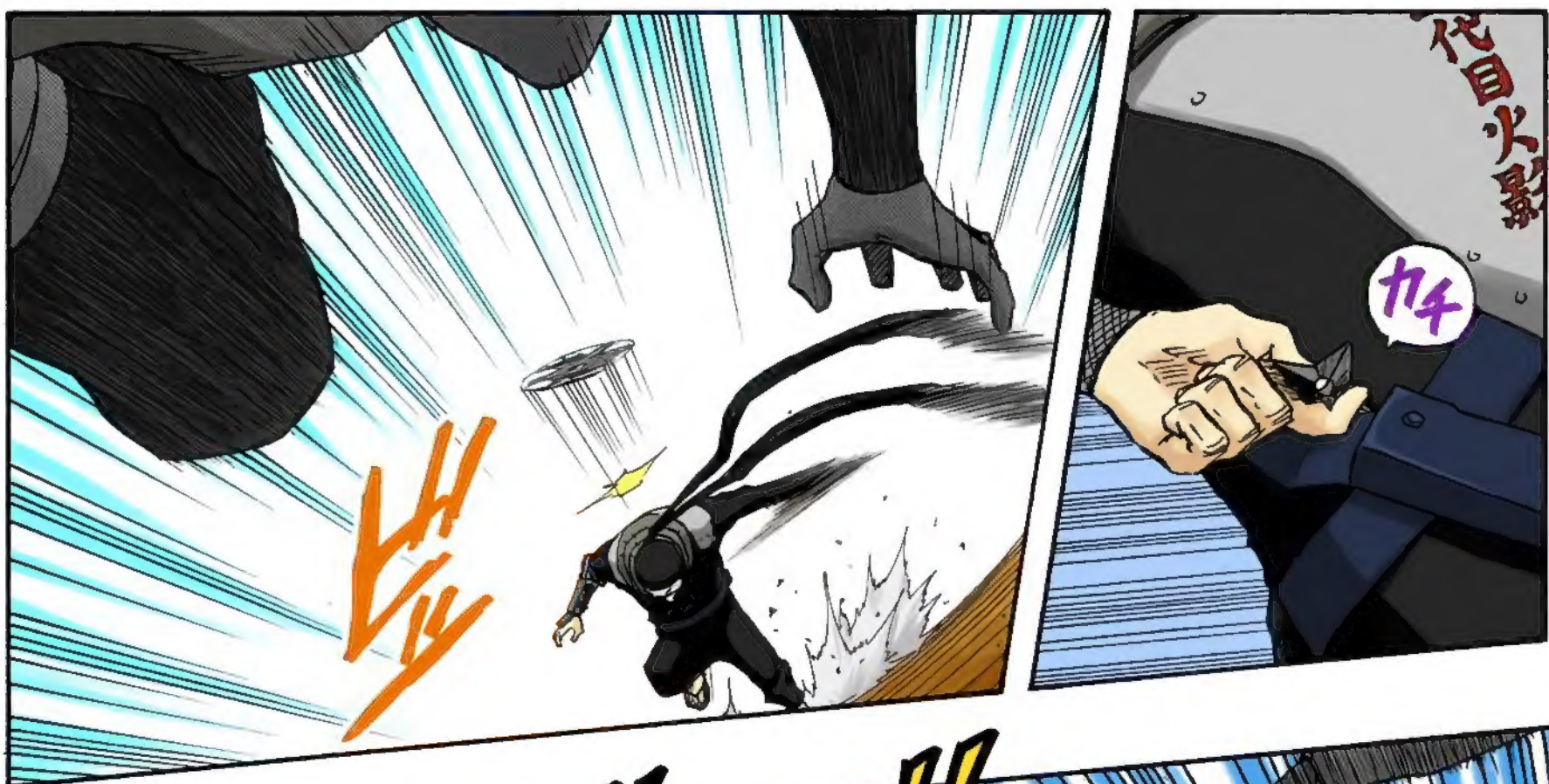
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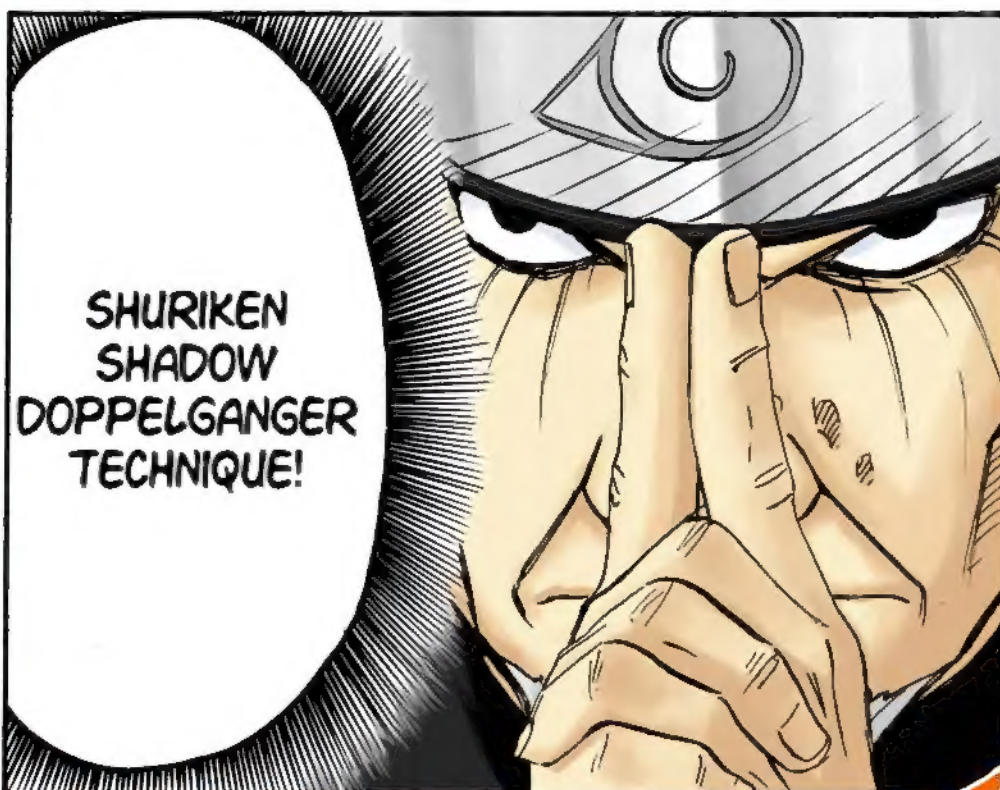
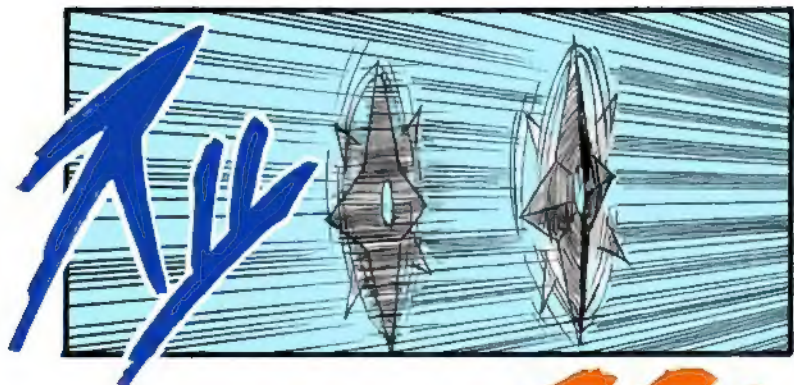
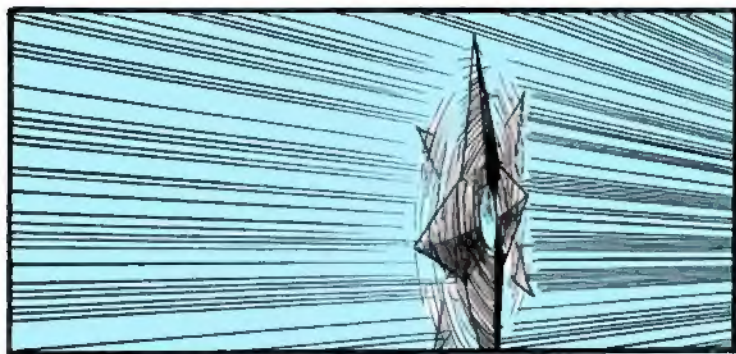


EXACTLY!









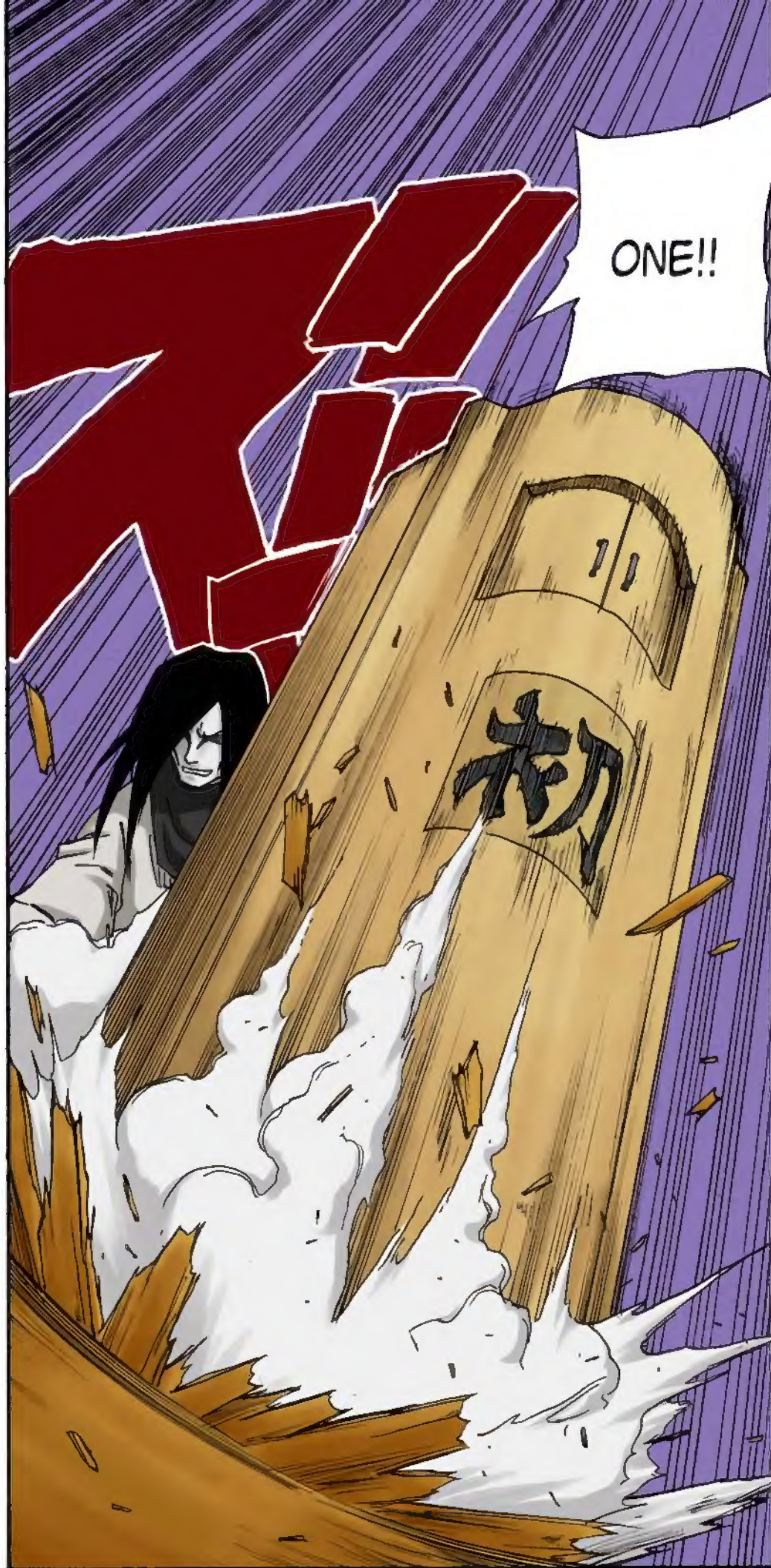
SHURIKEN
SHADOW
DOPPELGANGER
TECHNIQUE!



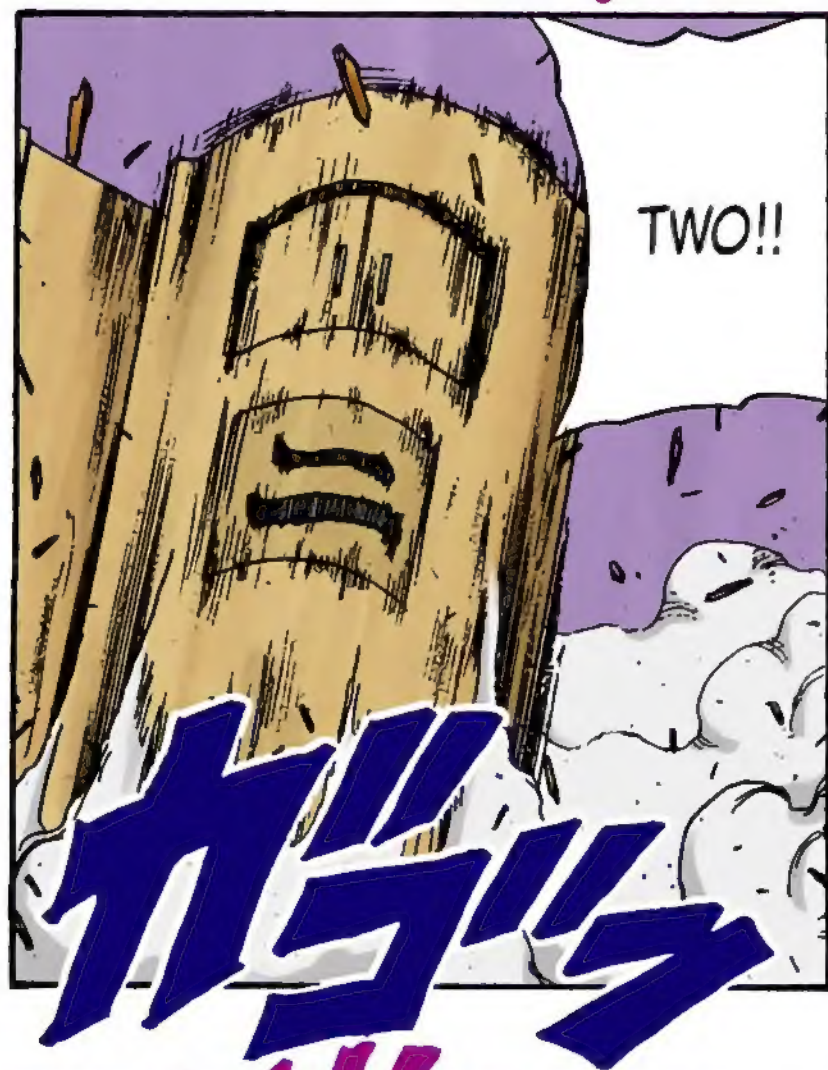
KUCHIYOSE:
EDOTENSEI!
SUMMONING:
REANIMATION!



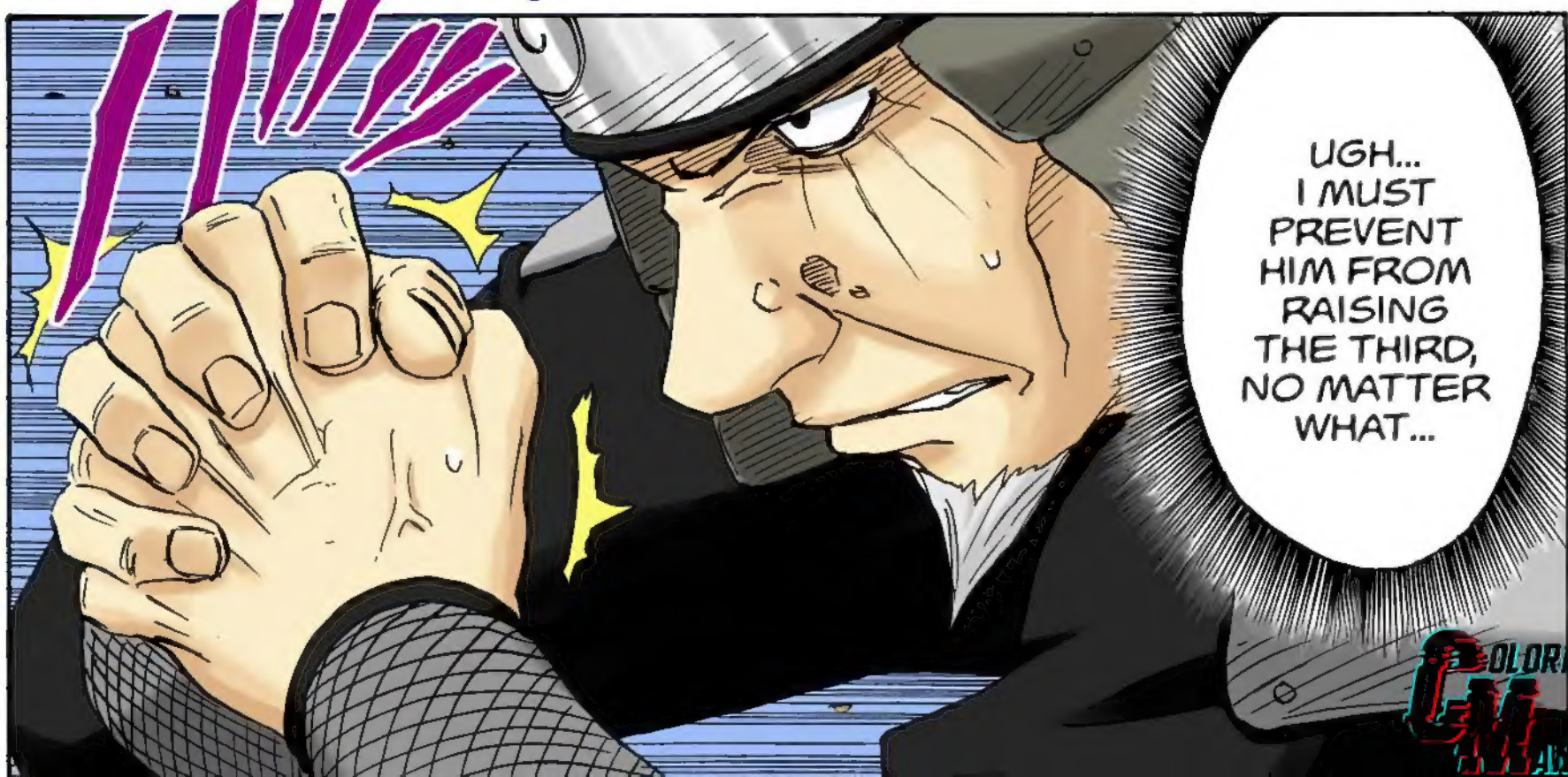
HE'S USING
THEM AS A
SHIELD!
COULD HE
REALLY BE
RAISING
THOSE
SPIRITS?



ONE!!



TWO!!



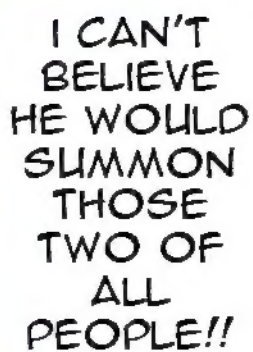
UGH...
I MUST
PREVENT
HIM FROM
RAISING
THE THIRD,
NO MATTER
WHAT...



THREE!!



HE
MANAGED
TO BLOCK
THE
THIRD...
AH WELL,
NO
MATTER!



I MAY HAVE
SOMEHOW
STOPPED
THE THIRD...
BUT EVEN
SO, THIS
IS STILL
GOING
TO BE
DIFFICULT...